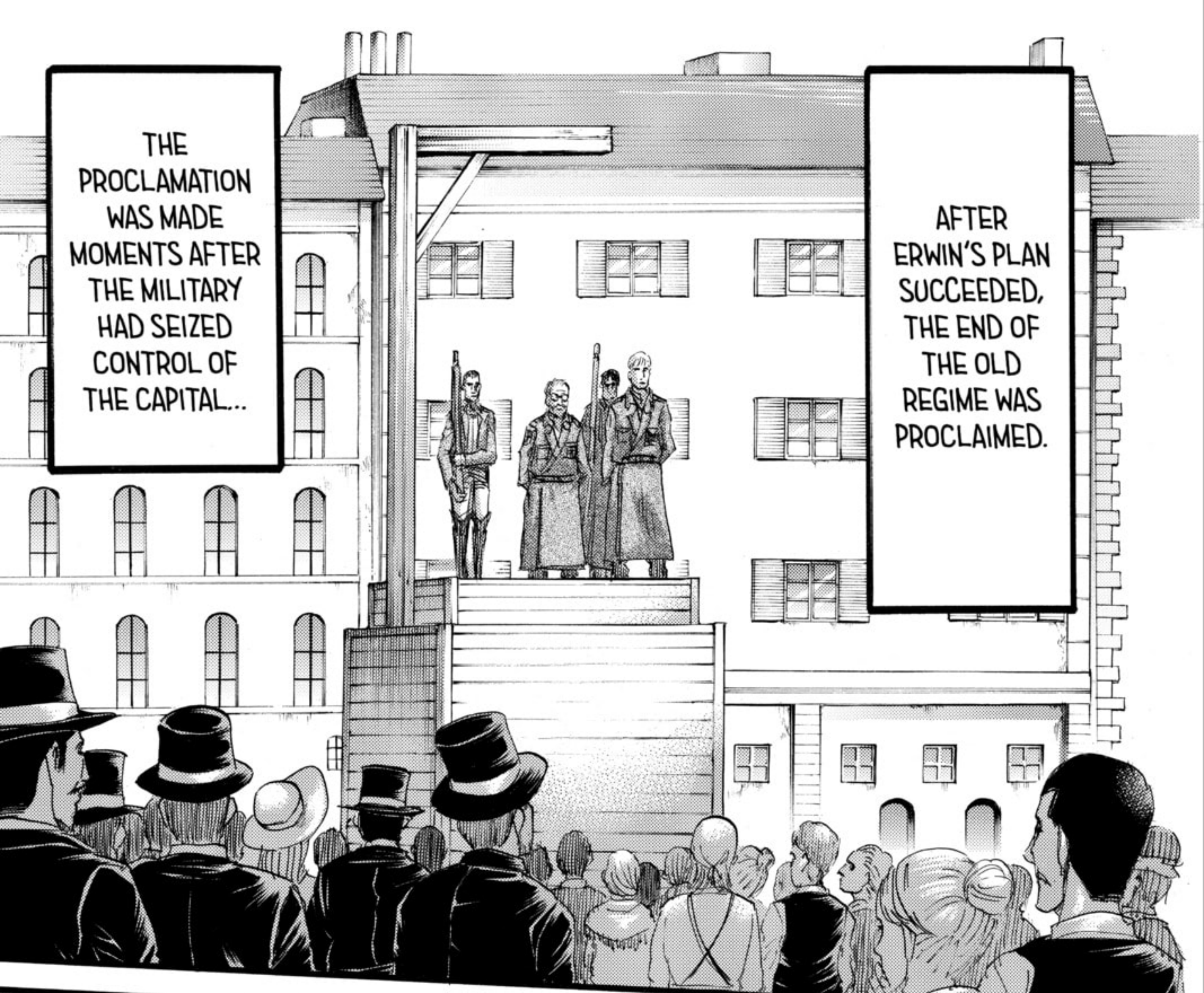


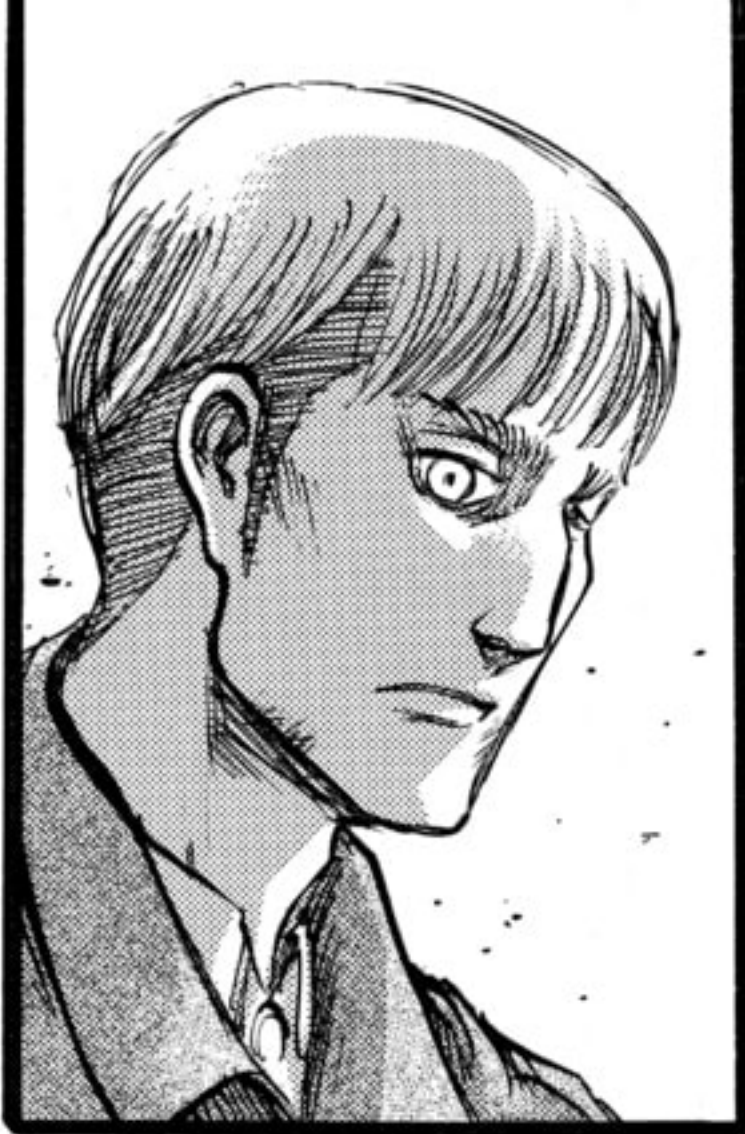


THE
PROCLAMATION
WAS MADE
MOMENTS AFTER
THE MILITARY
HAD SEIZED
CONTROL OF
THE CAPITAL...

AFTER
ERWIN'S PLAN
SUCCEEDED,
THE END OF
THE OLD
REGIME WAS
PROCLAIMED.



...UPON
THE
GALLOWS
THAT HAD
BEEN
RAISED TO
EXECUTE
HIM.



...AND
DECIDED
TO SACRIFICE
HALF OF THE
POPULATION
TO ENSURE
THEIR OWN
SAFETY?

...BECAUSE
THE GOVERNMENT
OF KING FRITZ
OBSTRUCTED
PLANS VITAL TO
THE SURVIVAL OF
HUMANITY...

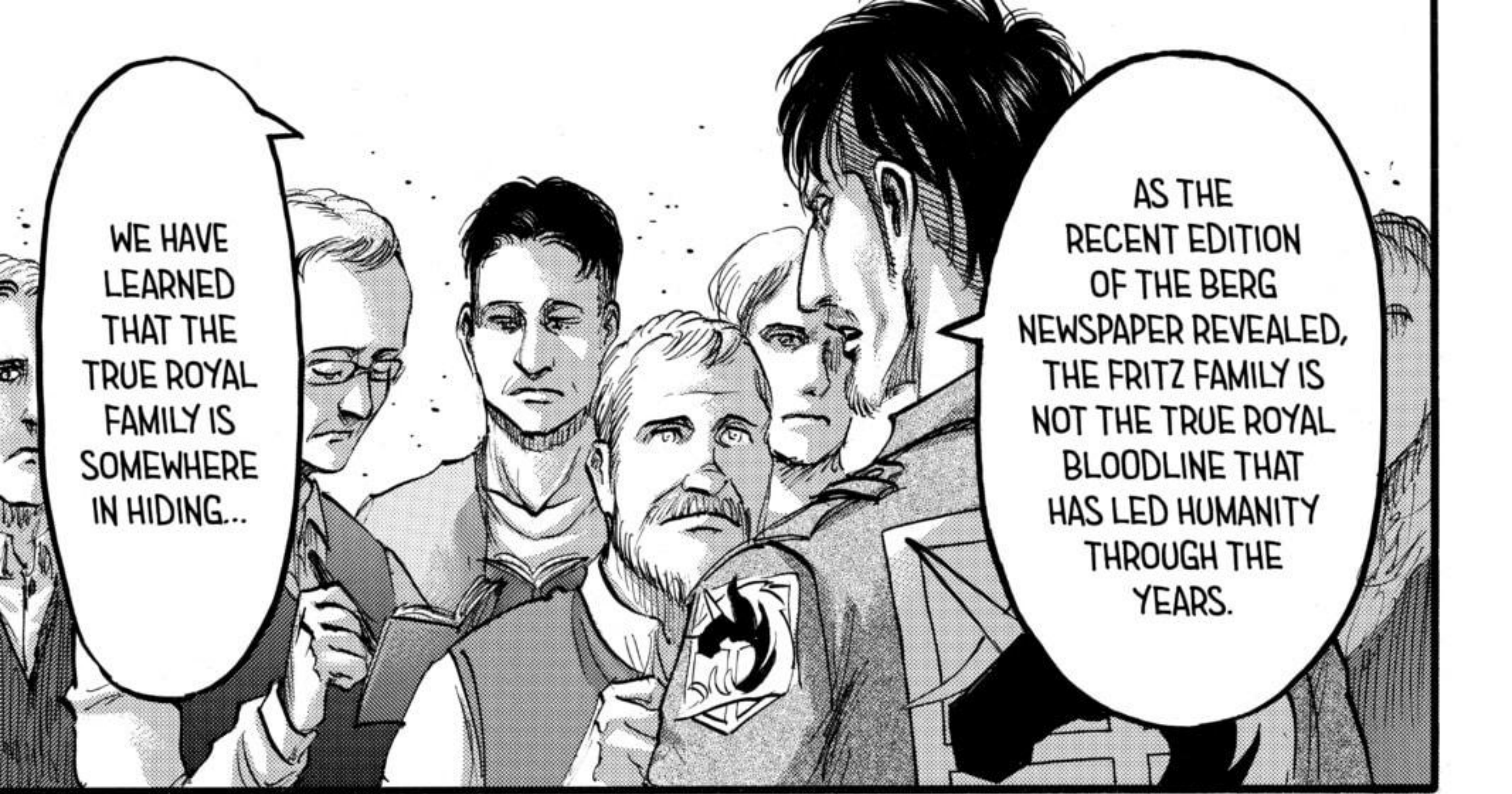
SO YOU'RE
SAYING THAT
THIS COUP
D'ÉTAT WAS
CARRIED
OUT...



...OUR
GOAL IS NOT
MILITARY RULE
WITHIN THE
WALLS.

AND,
AS YOU HEARD
IN GENERAL
ZACKLY'S
PROCLAMA-
TION...

EXACTLY.



WE HAVE
LEARNED
THAT THE
TRUE ROYAL
FAMILY IS
SOMEWHERE
IN HIDING...

AS THE
RECENT EDITION
OF THE BERG
NEWSPAPER REVEALED,
THE FRITZ FAMILY IS
NOT THE TRUE ROYAL
BLOODLINE THAT
HAS LED HUMANITY
THROUGH THE
YEARS.



FURTHERMORE,
OUR JOB AS
SOLDIERS IS TO
PROTECT THE
PEOPLE FROM THE
MENACE OF THE
TITANS WITH EVERY
OUNCE OF OUR
STRENGTH.

...AND
MISTRUST
BETWEEN THE
PEOPLE AND
THEIR LEADERS
ENDANGERS
ALL OF
HUMANITY.

WE ARE
CURRENTLY
FACING MORE
FREQUENT AND
INTENSE TITAN
ATTACKS...



...TO WORK
WITH THE TRUE
ROYAL FAMILY TO
RESTORE ITS MAJESTY
AS THE LEADERS OF
MANKIND, AS WELL AS
THE PEOPLE'S
TRUST.

THAT
BEING
THE CASE,
IT IS OUR
DUTY...



GUESS
I'M AS
QUICK TO
ADAPT AS
ANYONE...



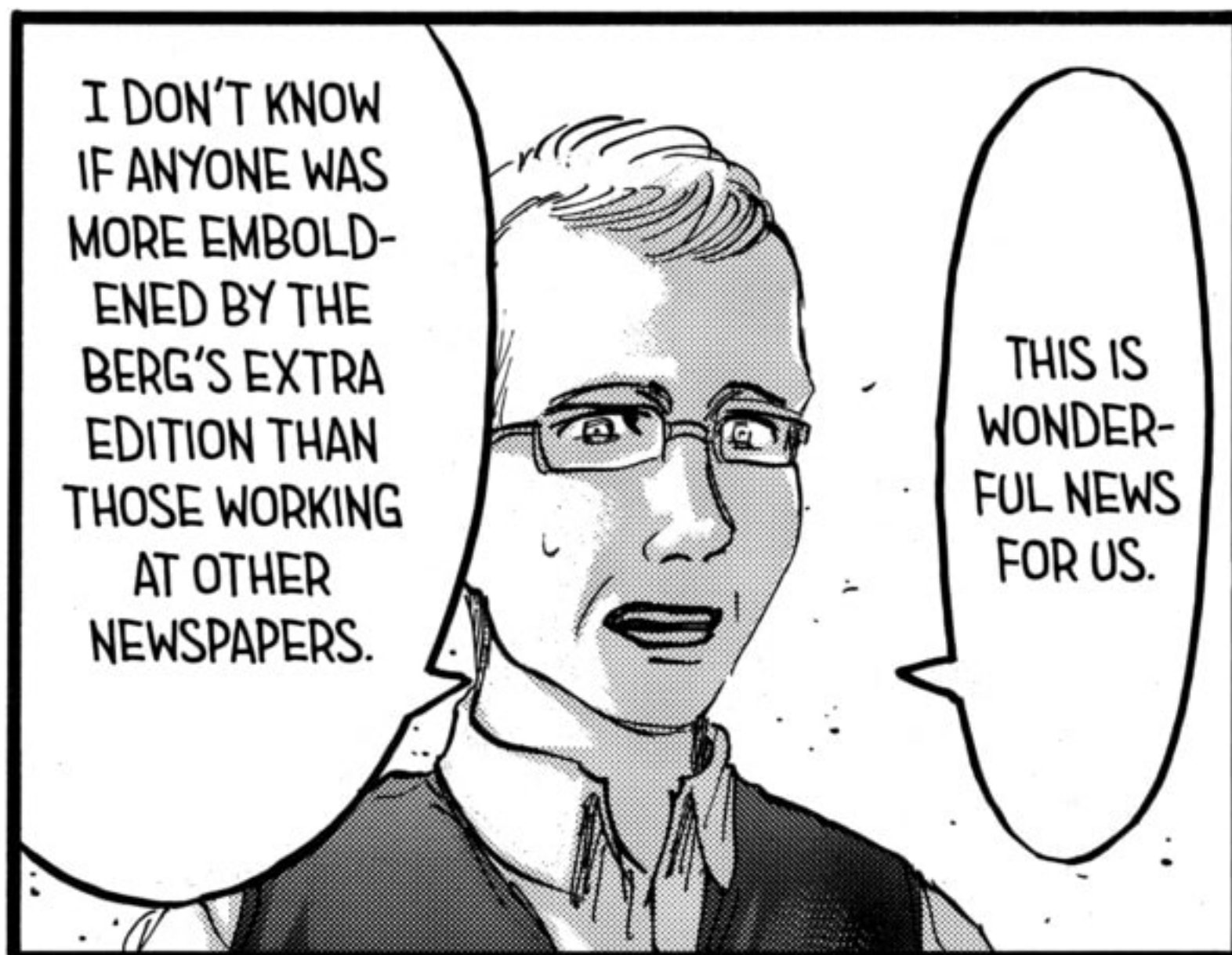
THE MEN
WHO USED TO
SUPPRESS YOUR
SPEECH ARE NOW
SITTING IN JAIL
CELLS.



FEEL
FREE
TO ASK
QUEST-
IONS.



BUT...



I DON'T KNOW
IF ANYONE WAS
MORE EMBOLD-
ENED BY THE
BERG'S EXTRA
EDITION THAN
THOSE WORKING
AT OTHER
NEWSPAPERS.

THIS IS
WONDER-
FUL NEWS
FOR US.



HAH...
WHO
WOULD
REALLY
BELIEVE
THAT?

THOSE
SOLDIERS
CLAIM
THEY'LL
RELINQUISH
THEIR
POWER.

THE
ARISTOCRACY
IS ESPECIALLY
NERVOUS OVER
WHAT WILL
BECOME OF
THEIR
INTERESTS.



THE
PEOPLE'S
EMOTIONS
MUST BE
QUITE
MIXED.

I
CAN'T
BE-
LIEVE
IT...!

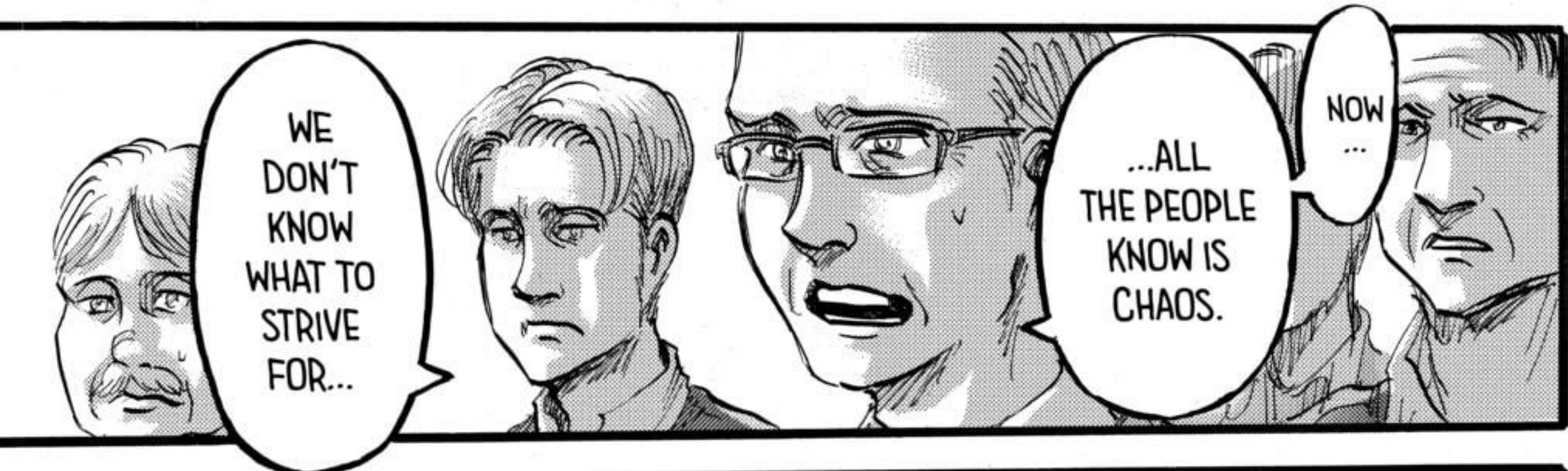
THE
KING
WAS
A
FAKE
?!



...IN THE
HEARTS
AND MINDS
OF THE
PEOPLE?

BUT...
DO YOU
REALLY EXPECT
THIS TRUE
BLOODLINE TO
TAKE THE PLACE
OF THE FRITZ
MONARCHY SO
EASILY...

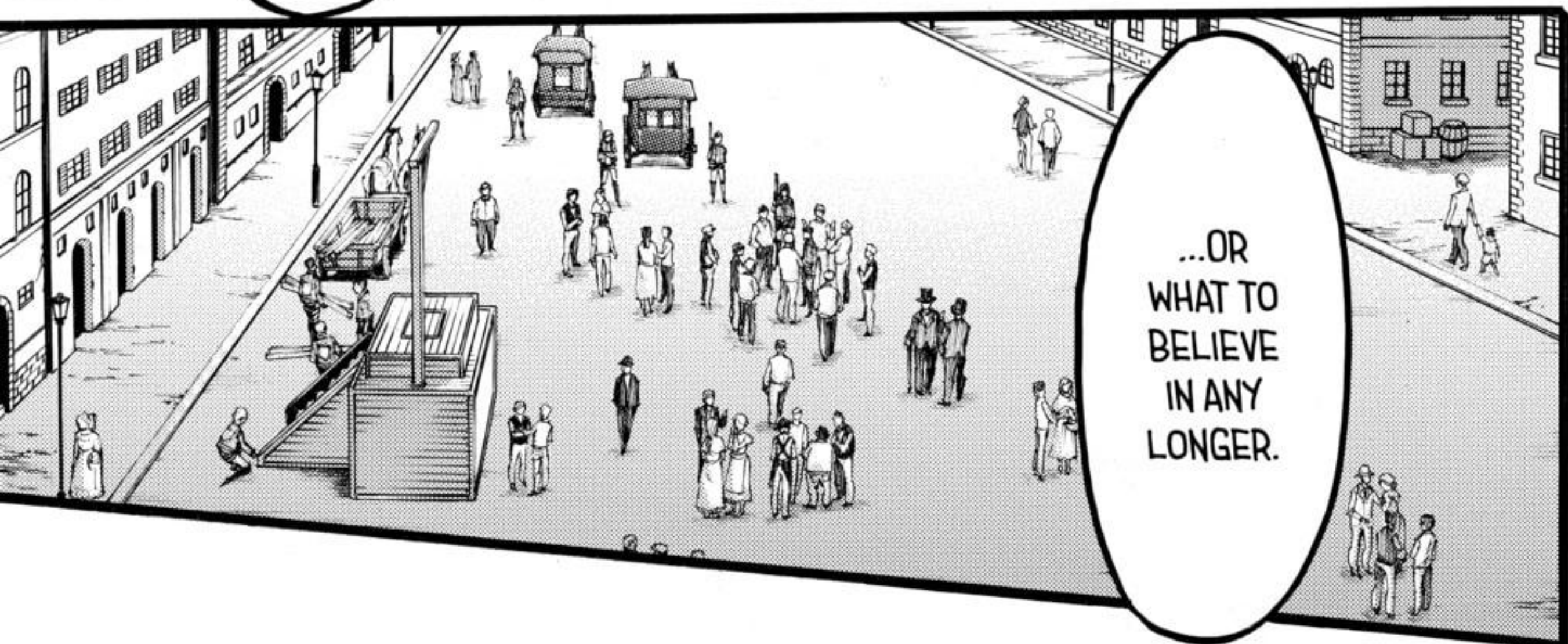
IN THAT
SENSE, I
BELIEVE THAT
THE DECISION
TO MAINTAIN
THE CURRENT
SYSTEM OF
RULE IS A
WISE ONE.



WE
DON'T
KNOW
WHAT TO
STRIVE
FOR...

...ALL
THE PEOPLE
KNOW IS
CHAOS.

NOW
...

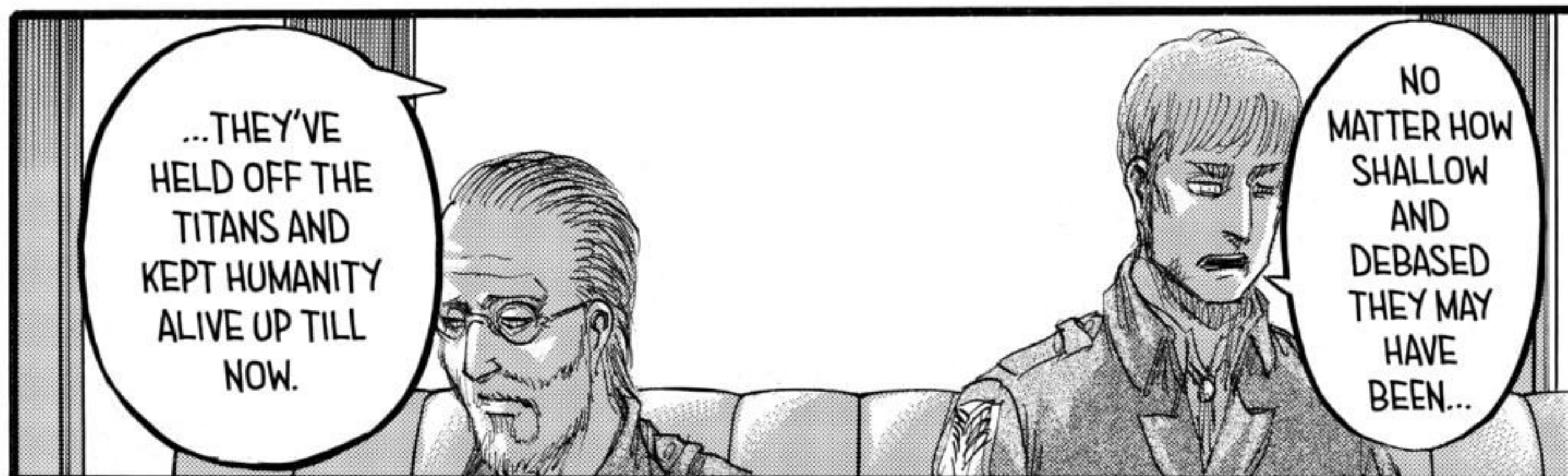


...OR
WHAT TO
BELIEVE
IN ANY
LONGER.



...WOULD
HAVE BEEN
TO LEAVE
EVERYTHING
TO THE OLD
MONARCHY.

THE
BEST
CHOICE
FOR
HUMAN-
ITY...



...THEY'VE
HELD OFF THE
TITANS AND
KEPT HUMANITY
ALIVE UP TILL
NOW.

NO
MATTER HOW
SHALLOW
AND
DEBASED
THEY MAY
HAVE
BEEN...



...EVEN
THAT WOULD
BE BETTER
THAN
ALLOWING ALL
OF HUMANITY
TO GO
EXTINCT.

EVEN
IF THEY
WERE
CONTENT TO
WATCH HALF
OF THE
SURVIVING
HUMANS
DIE...



...THE
RETAKING
OF WALL
MARIA...
EVEN
EREN'S
LIFE.

...EREN'S
TITAN
POWER...

PERHAPS
YOU SHOULD
HAVE
ENTRUSTED
THEM WITH
ALL OF IT...



WHEN
I THINK
OF ALL
HUMAN-
ITY...

...

...HAVE
NOT BEEN
WITH MY
FRIENDS.

THESE
PAST FEW
DAYS, MY
THOUGHTS
...



...AND
ENTRUSTED
EVERYTHING
TO THE
CROWN.

...ALONG
WITH
MY LIFE
AND MY
DUTY...

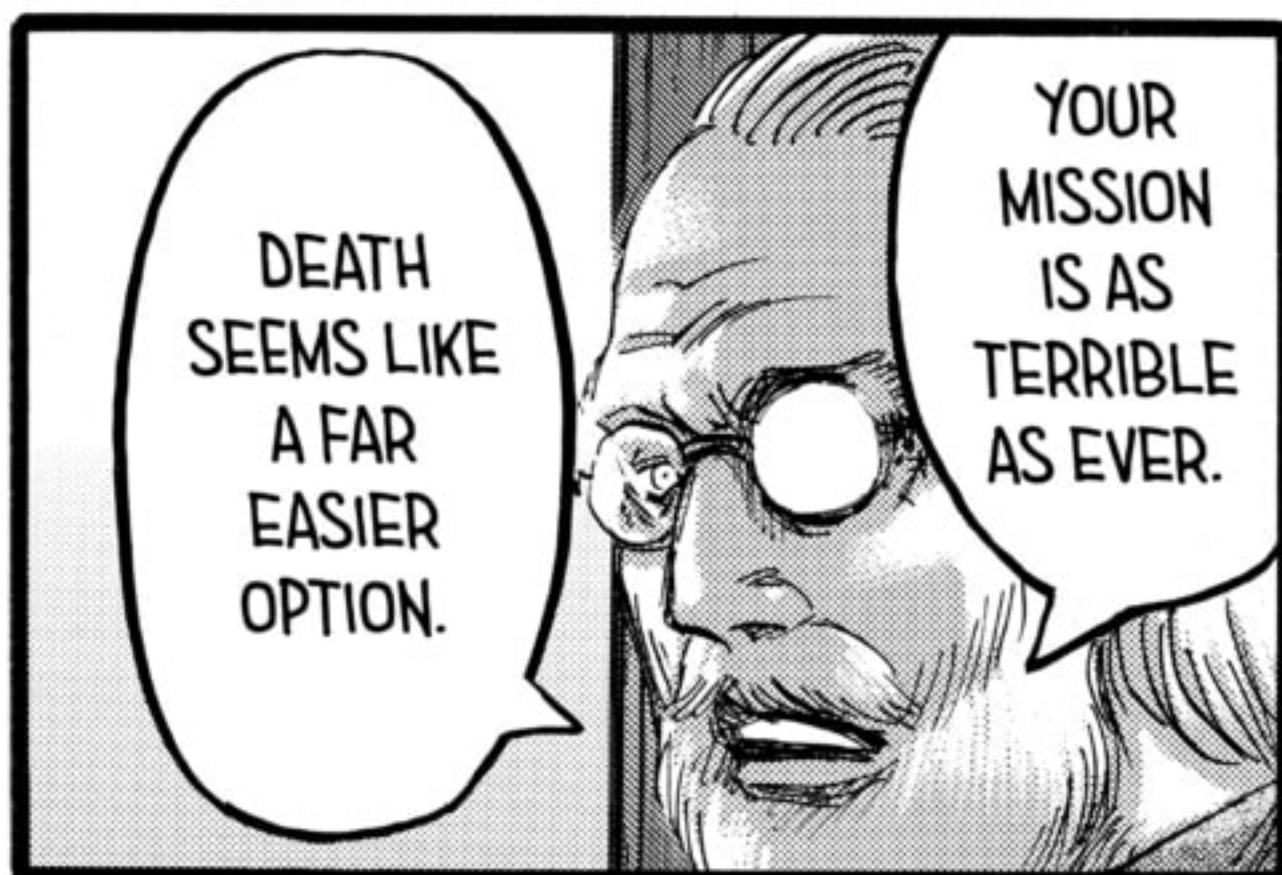
EREN,
LEVI...
HANGE. I
COULD
HAVE
ABAN-
DONED
THEM...

...PERHAPS
I SHOULD
HAVE LET MY
COMRADES
DIE, AS I
ALWAYS
HAVE.



...IS
REALLY
MORE
PRECIOUS
THAN
ANY ONE
HUMAN
LIFE...

IF
HUMAN-
ITY...



DEATH
SEEMS LIKE
A FAR
EASIER
OPTION.

YOUR
MISSION
IS AS
TERRIBLE
AS EVER.



WHY
DID YOU
SPEAK
WITH
PIXIS?

...LET
ME ASK
YOU.



WHY
DID YOU
DECIDE TO
LEAD US
DOWN
SUCH A
PERILOUS
ROAD?

...SIR.



WHY
ALLOW YOUR
PEOPLE TO ACT
ON THEIR
OWN?

...WHY
PUT
THAT
IDEA IN
PIXIS'S
HEAD?

IF
YOU WANTED
TO HAND EREN
OVER AND
RESIGN...



COM-
MAND-
ER...

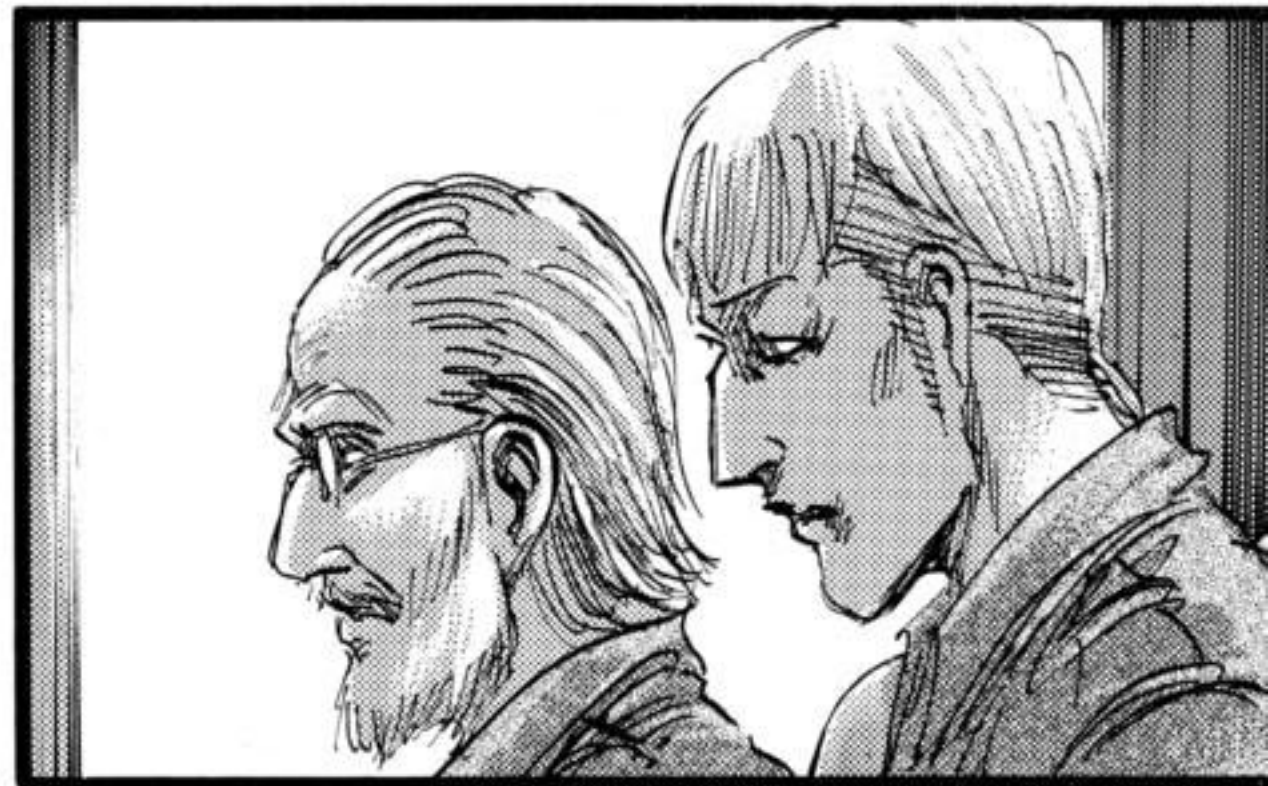
...THEY
BROKE
DOWN.

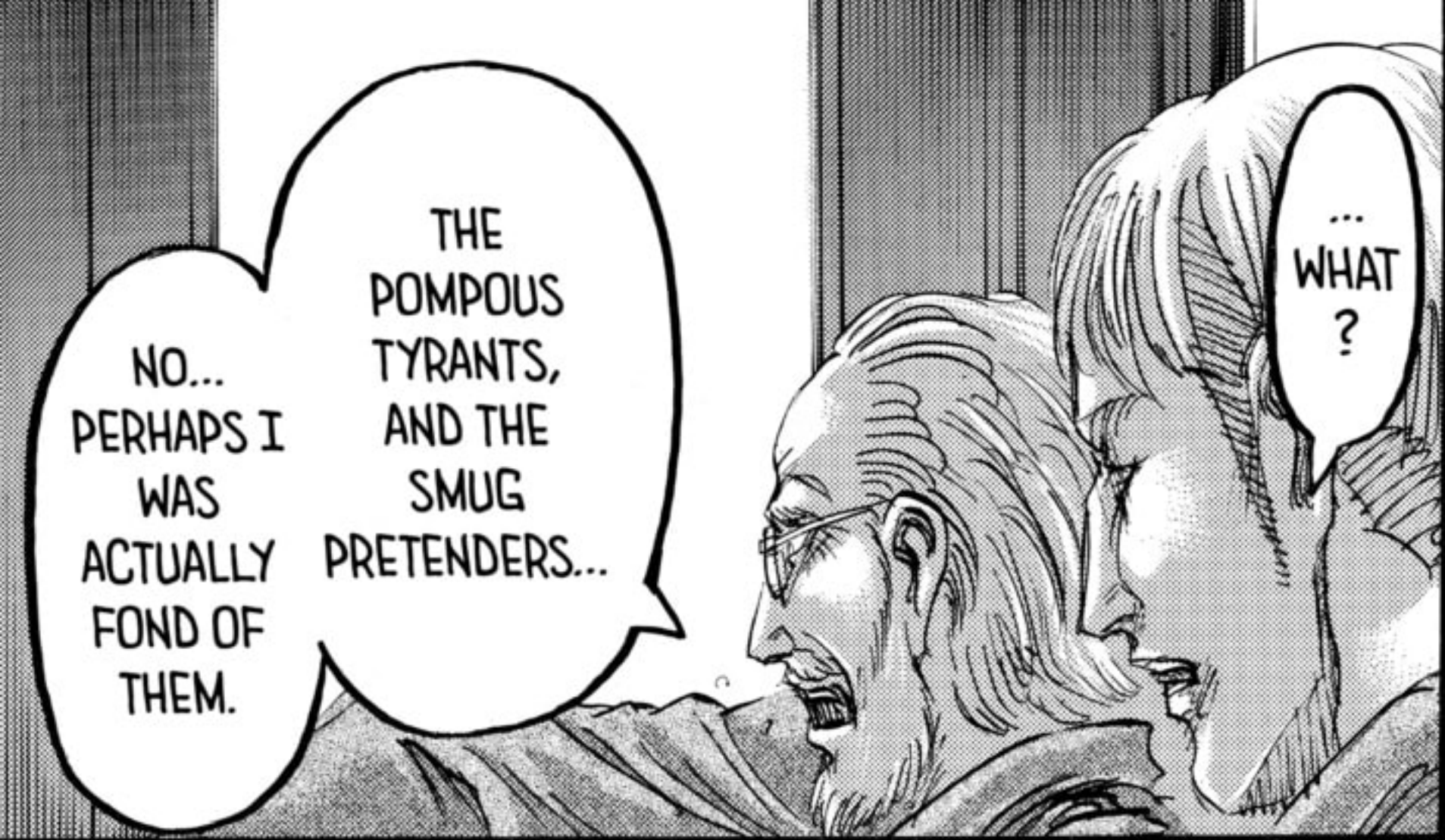
WHAT
ABOUT
YOUR
NEGOTIA-
TIONS WITH
COMMAND-
ER PIXIS
?

I HAVE A
PROPOSAL.

DON'T
RELY ON
HIM.



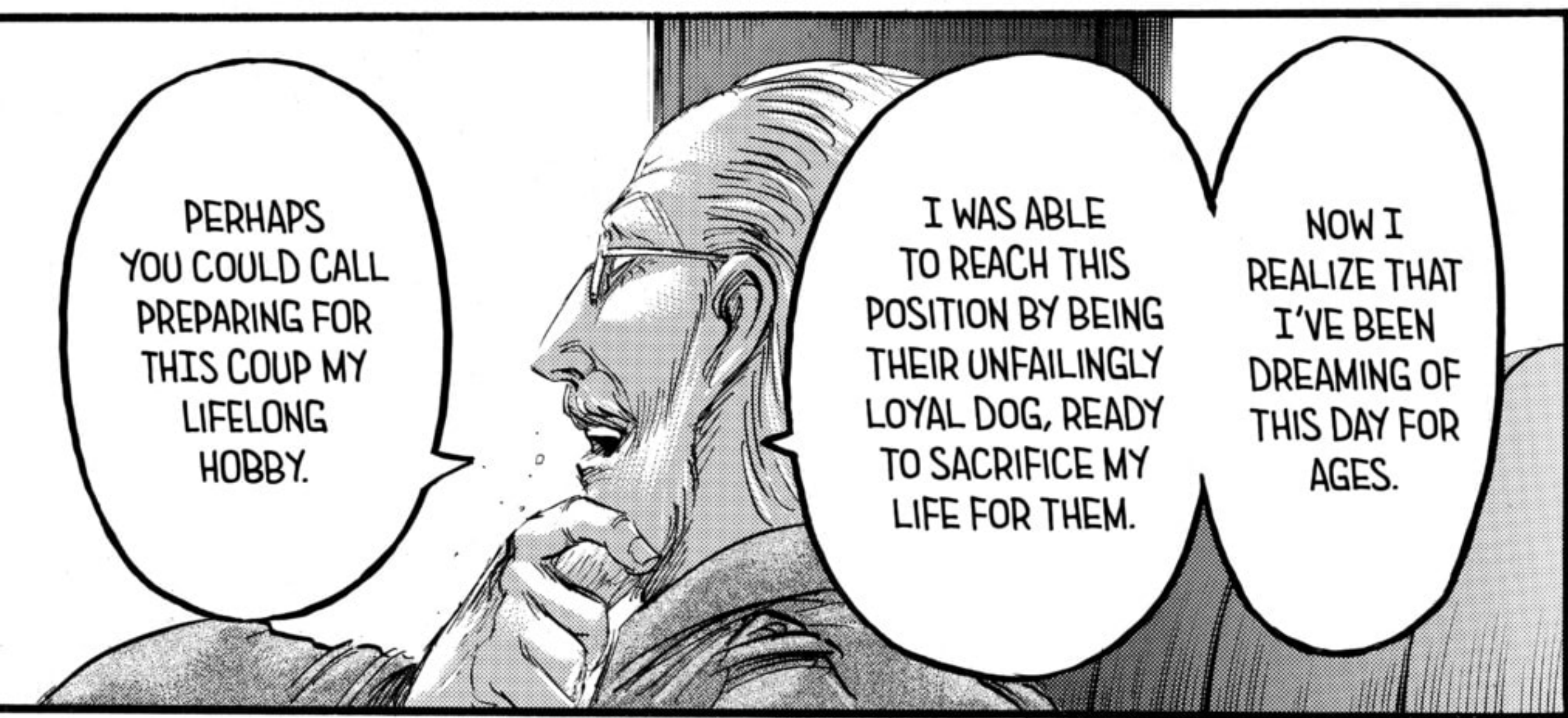




NO...
PERHAPS I
WAS
ACTUALLY
FOND OF
THEM.

THE
POMPOUS
TYRANTS,
AND THE
SMUG
PRETENDERS...

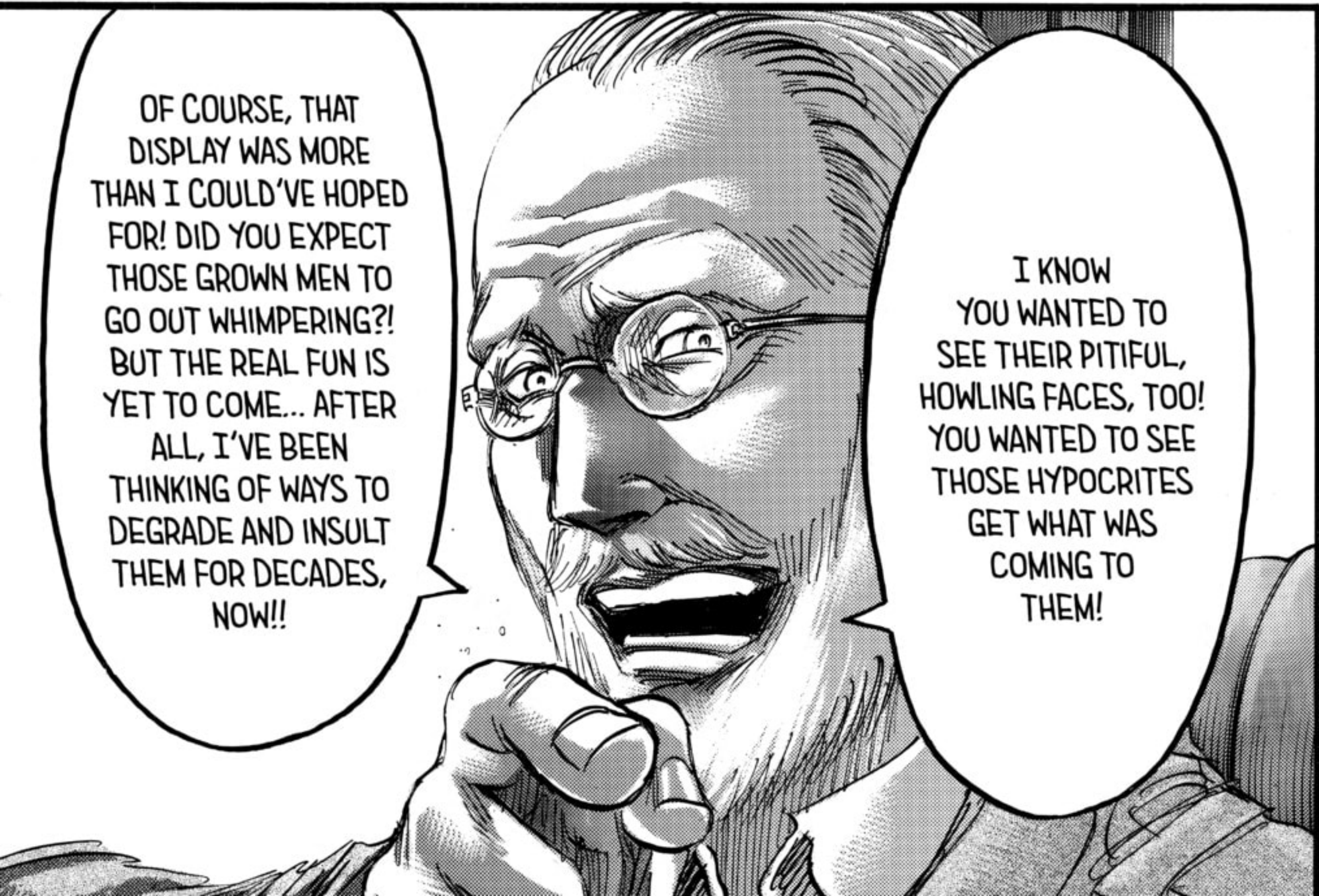
...
WHAT
?



PERHAPS
YOU COULD CALL
PREPARING FOR
THIS COUP MY
LIFELONG
HOBBY.

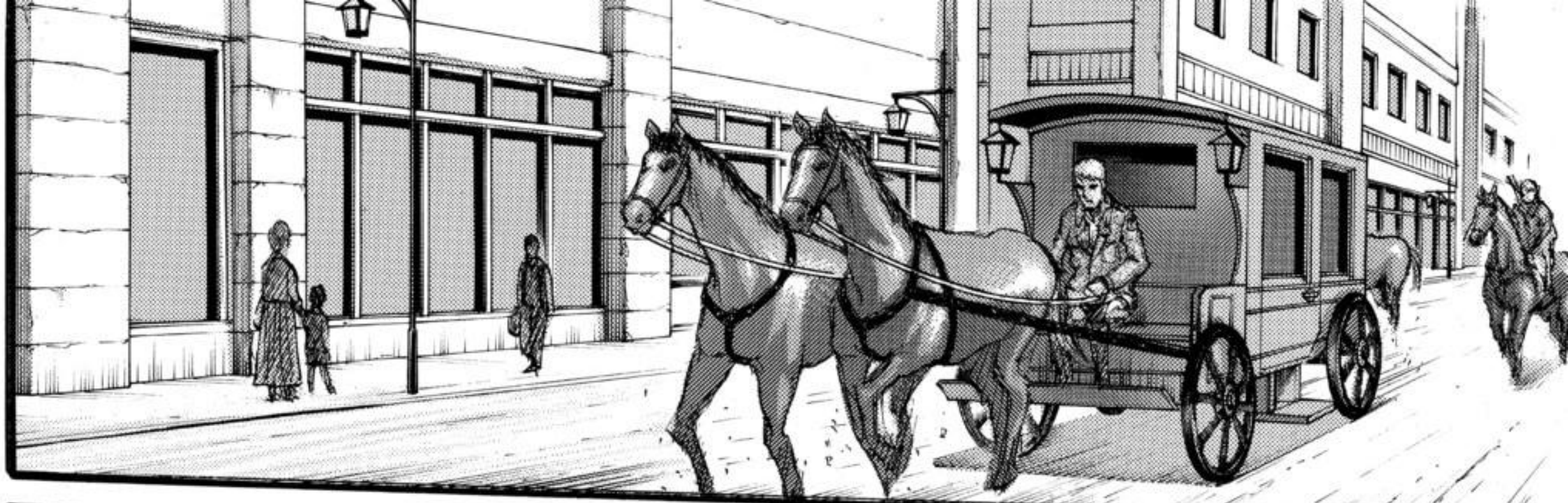
I WAS ABLE
TO REACH THIS
POSITION BY BEING
THEIR UNFAILINGLY
LOYAL DOG, READY
TO SACRIFICE MY
LIFE FOR THEM.

NOW I
REALIZE THAT
I'VE BEEN
DREAMING OF
THIS DAY FOR
AGES.



OF COURSE, THAT
DISPLAY WAS MORE
THAN I COULD'VE HOPED
FOR! DID YOU EXPECT
THOSE GROWN MEN TO
GO OUT WHIMPERING?!
BUT THE REAL FUN IS
YET TO COME... AFTER
ALL, I'VE BEEN
THINKING OF WAYS TO
DEGRADE AND INSULT
THEM FOR DECADES,
NOW!!

I KNOW
YOU WANTED TO
SEE THEIR PITIFUL,
HOWLING FACES, TOO!
YOU WANTED TO SEE
THOSE HYPOCRITES
GET WHAT WAS
COMING TO
THEM!



SO...



AND
ANYWAY,
THOSE
BASTARDS
WERE SO
ROTTEN THAT
I WAS CERTAIN
IT WOULD
WORK.

UNLIKE
PIXIS, I
HAD NO
INTENTION
AT ANY TIME
OF RAISING
A WHITE
FLAG.



I HAD
PLANNED TO
GIVE IT A TRY
AT SOME POINT
BEFORE I
KEELED OVER,
WITH OR
WITHOUT
YOU.

BUT...

I
SUPPOSE
THAT
MAKES
ME QUITE
THE
VILLAIN.

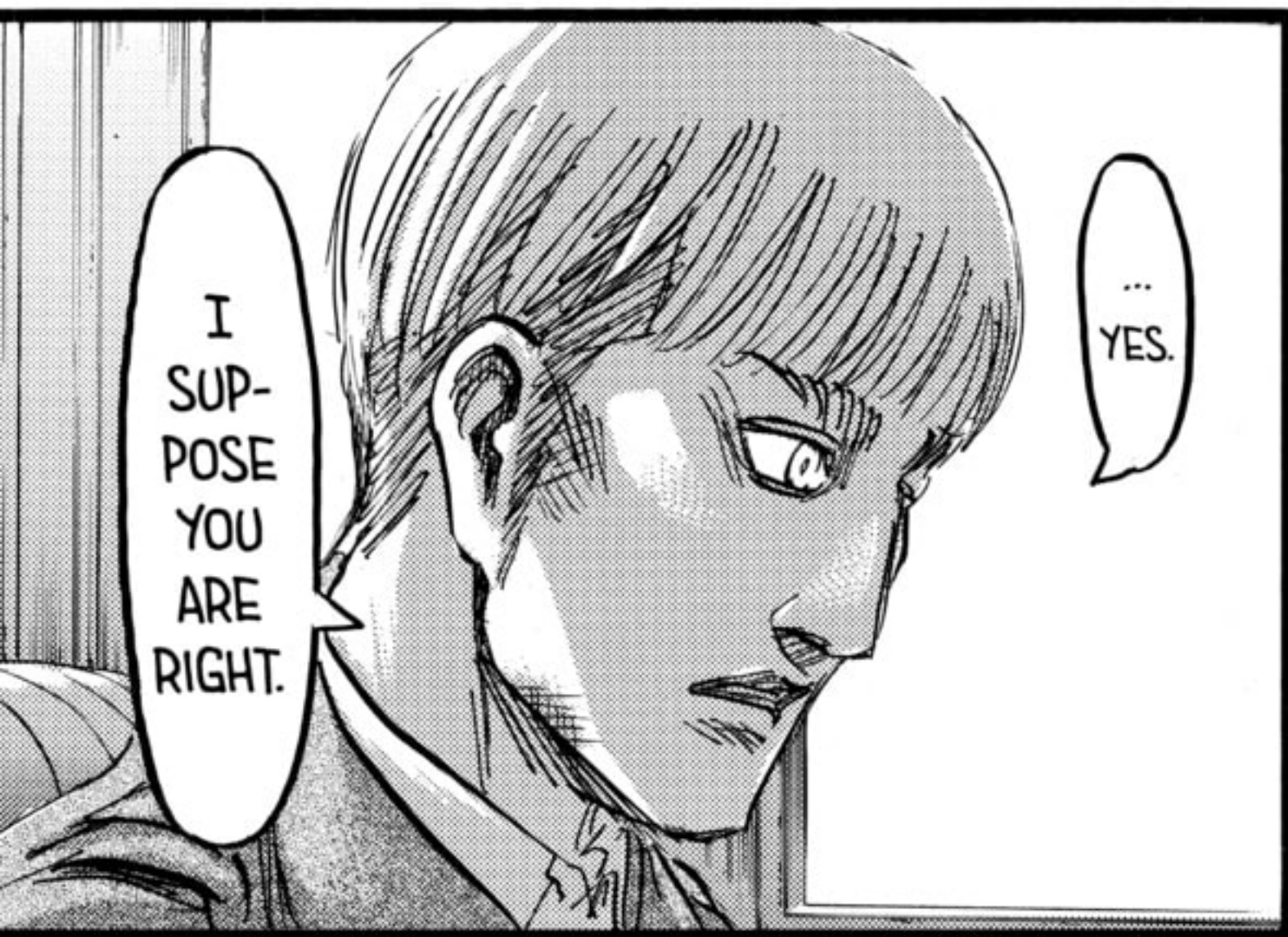


WHETHER THIS
REVOLUTION IS
GOOD OR BAD
FOR HUMANITY
IS OF NO
INTEREST TO
ME.



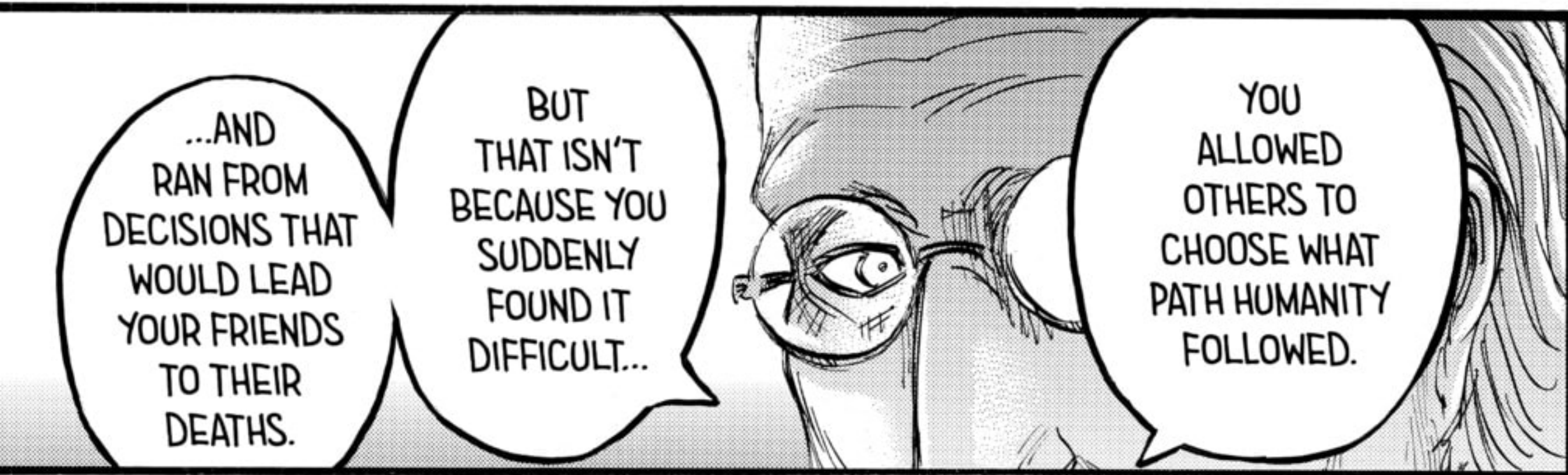


YOU'RE
NO
DIFFER-
ENT, ARE
YOU?



I
SUP-
POSE
YOU
ARE
RIGHT.

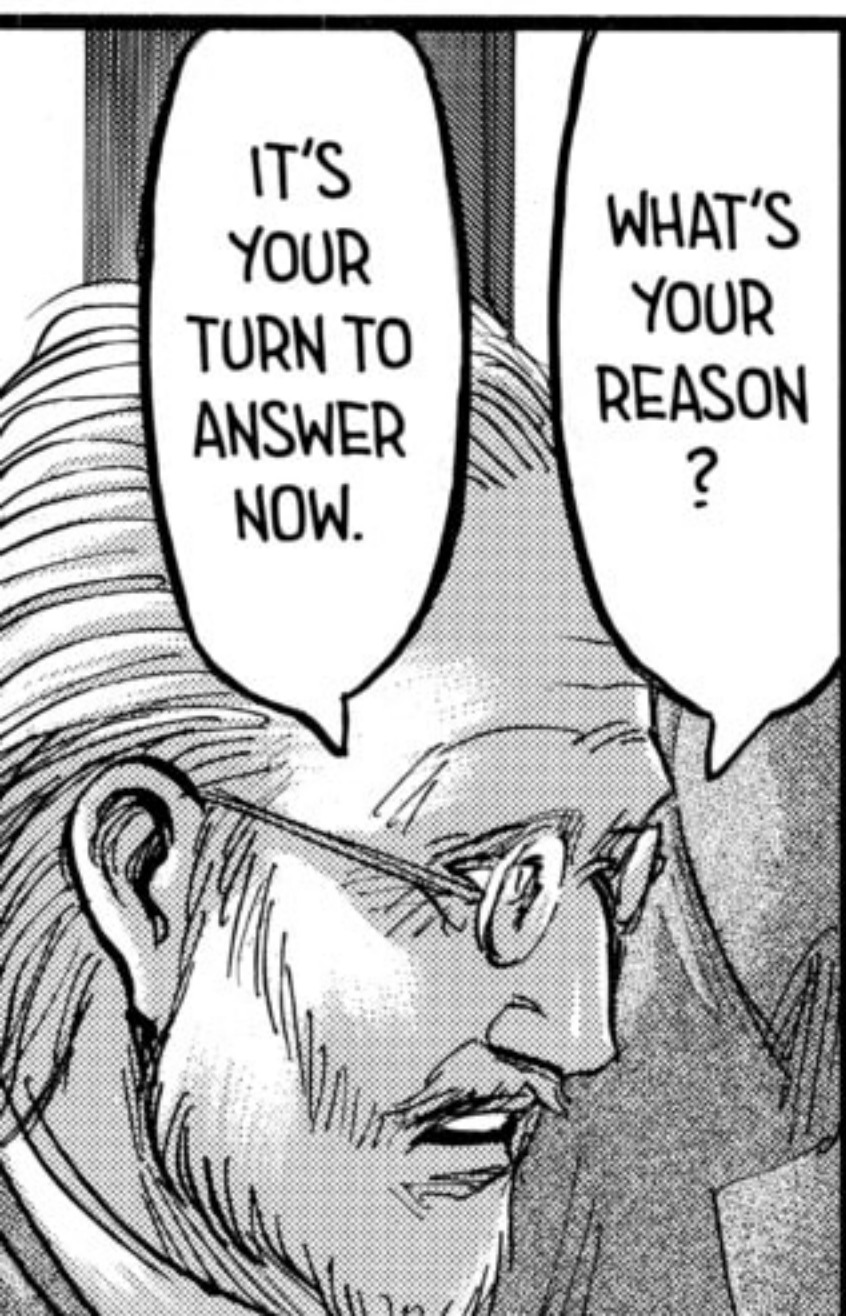
...
YES.



...AND
RAN FROM
DECISIONS THAT
WOULD LEAD
YOUR FRIENDS
TO THEIR
DEATHS.

BUT
THAT ISN'T
BECAUSE YOU
SUDDENLY
FOUND IT
DIFFICULT...

YOU
ALLOWED
OTHERS TO
CHOOSE WHAT
PATH HUMANITY
FOLLOWED.



IT'S
YOUR
TURN TO
ANSWER
NOW.

WHAT'S
YOUR
REASON
?



YOU'RE
LIKE ME.
YOU PUT
YOURSELF
OVER THE
FATE OF
HUMANITY.

YOU
DIDN'T
WANT
TO DIE.

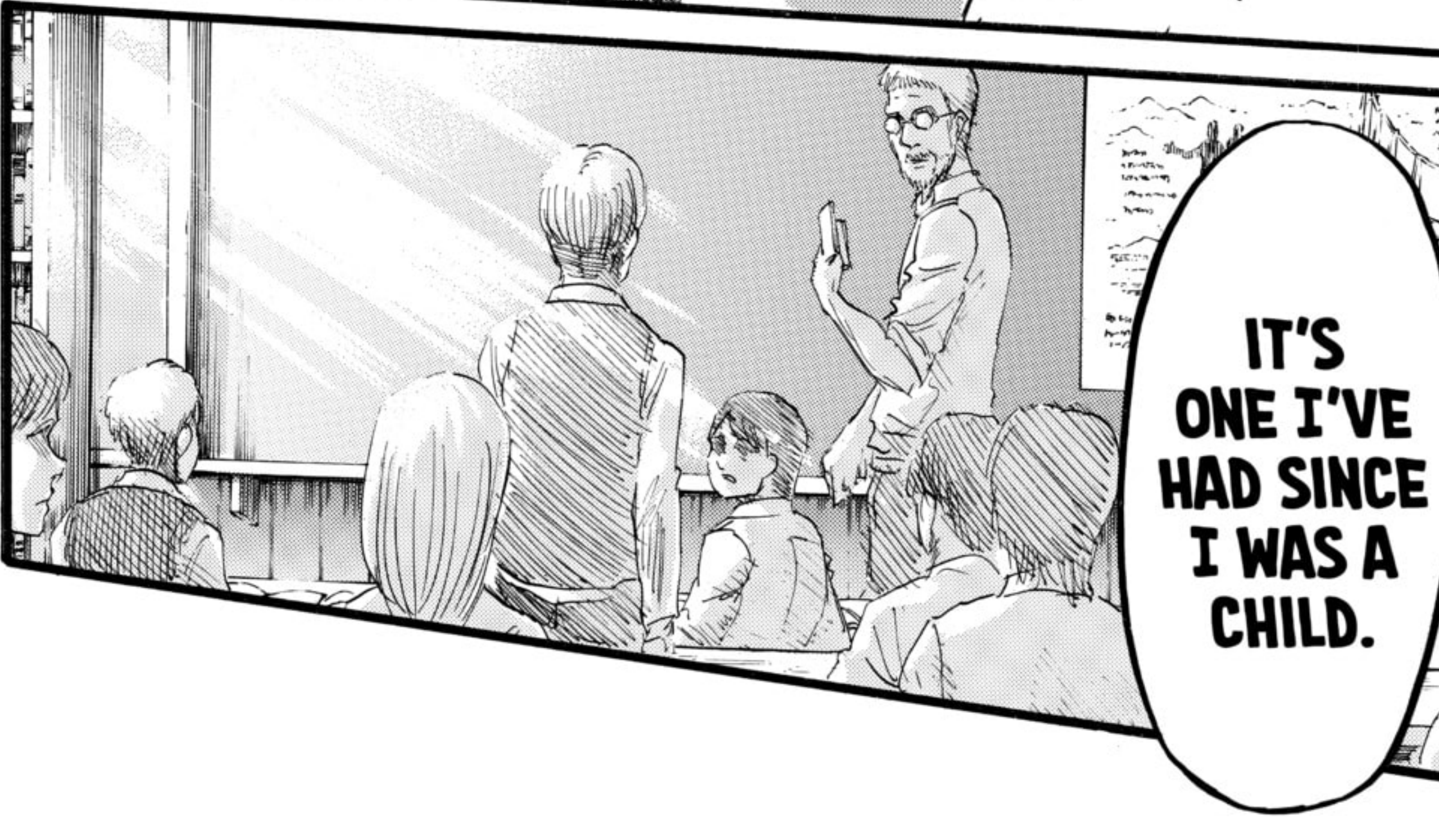


I
SUPPOSE...
IT WAS
HUBRIS.

...



**I
HAVE A
DREAM.**



**IT'S
ONE I'VE
HAD SINCE
I WAS A
CHILD.**



THE REEVES COMPANY WILL SHELTER YOU.

AFTER YOU'RE DONE, TAKE EVERYONE FROM THE PAPER AND THEIR FAMILIES TO TROST DISTRICT, JUST LIKE WE PLANNED.

THANK YOU, ROY!

DISTRIBUTING THESE SHOULD BE ENOUGH, HANGE!

A FEW HOURS BEFORE



THERE MIGHT BE A MESSAGE FROM LEVI'S TEAM.

LET'S TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT THE MEETING POINT.



!

IS THIS MOPPEL'S BARN?

OH!



NO... IT'S ELGEL-HEIN'S.



...! SOMEONE'S THERE!

COULD
YOU TAKE ME
TO WHERE
THEY ARE?

WE'RE
FRIENDS
OF THE
SHORT
GUY.

...I
SEE.



!!



...WHAT'S
GOING ON
HERE?



MOBLIT!
GIVE ERWIN A
MESSAGE!

TELL HIM
ABOUT
THE
LEAD
WE'VE
FOUND!



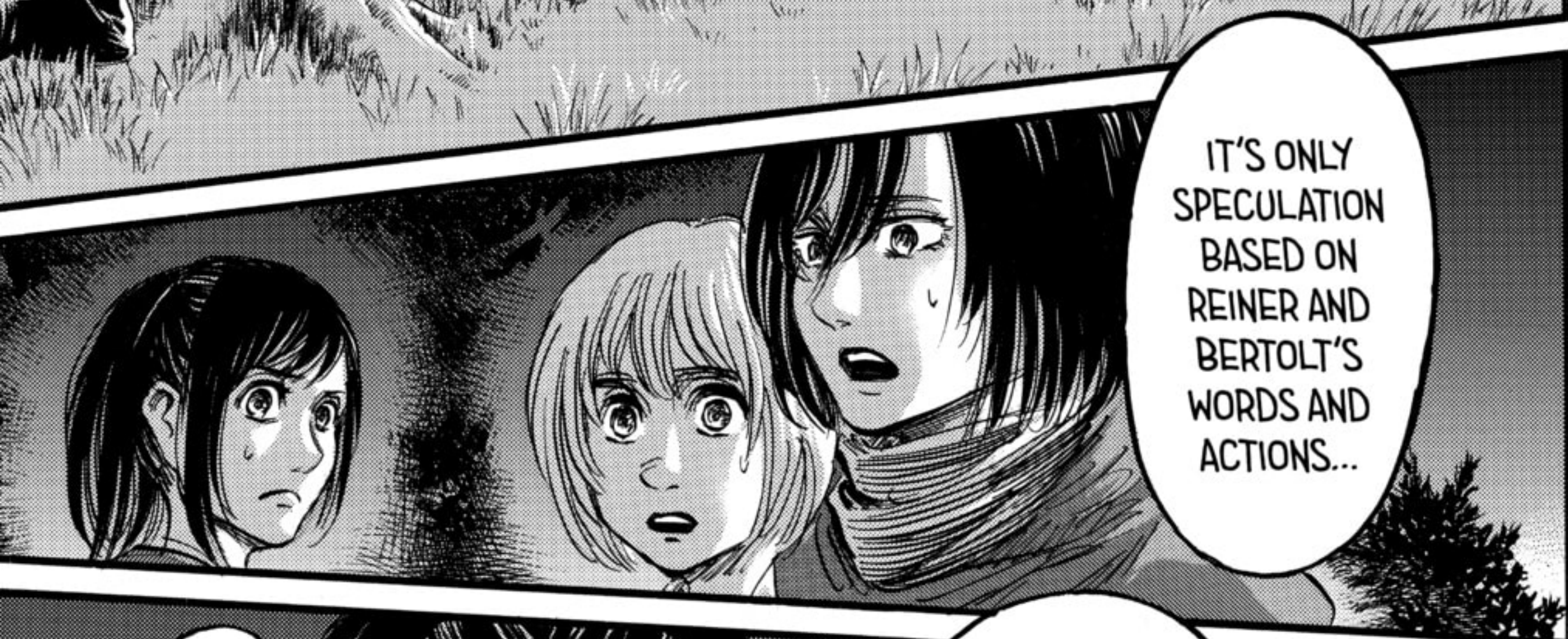
ERWIN...

THEY
DID
IT!





EREN'S
GOING
TO BE
EATEN
?



IT'S ONLY
SPECULATION
BASED ON
REINER AND
BERTOLT'S
WORDS AND
ACTIONS...



I'LL
TELL
YOU
MORE
WHILE
WE
MOVE.

...BUT IT MAY
BE A WAY FOR
SOMEONE TO
GAIN EREN'S
"TITAN POWER."



THIS IS
THE SURVEY
REPORT ERWIN
COMMISSIONED
OF THE REISS
ESTATE.

IF EREN
AND HISTORIA
HAVE FALLEN
INTO THE HANDS
OF THE REISS
FAMILY, AS OUR
MISSION OUTLINE
SUPPOSES...



SURVEY
CORPS MEMBERS
DISGUISED AS
FARMERS HAVE
BEEN CONDUCTING
A COVERT SURVEY
OF THE
GROUNDS.

...THEN WE
CAN ASSUME
THAT THEY'LL BE
TAKEN TO THE
ESTATE.

...CONCERNS
THE DETAILS OF AN
INCIDENT INVOLVING
THE REISS FAMILY
FIVE YEARS
AGO.

MOST
OF THEIR
REPORT...

BUT THE LORD HAD
YET ANOTHER CHILD,
AN ILLEGITIMATE
DAUGHTER, WITH A
SERVANT.

OF
COURSE,
THAT
ISN'T A
VERY
UNUSUAL
STORY...

...AND, ON THE
ESTATE, THE
LORD ENJOYED
AN OTHERWISE
GOOD
REPUTATION.

THE REISS
FAMILY WAS
BLESSED
WITH FIVE
CHILDREN.



EVERYONE
LIVING ON THE
GROUNDS
CONSIDERED HER
THE ESTATE'S PRIDE
AND JOY.

IN
PARTICULAR, HIS
ELDEST DAUGHTER
FRIEDA WAS LOVED BY
ALL FOR HER GUILLESS
CHARACTER. SHE WAS
EVEN KNOWN TO STROLL
THROUGH THE FIELDS
TO THANK THE FARMERS
FOR THEIR
WORK.



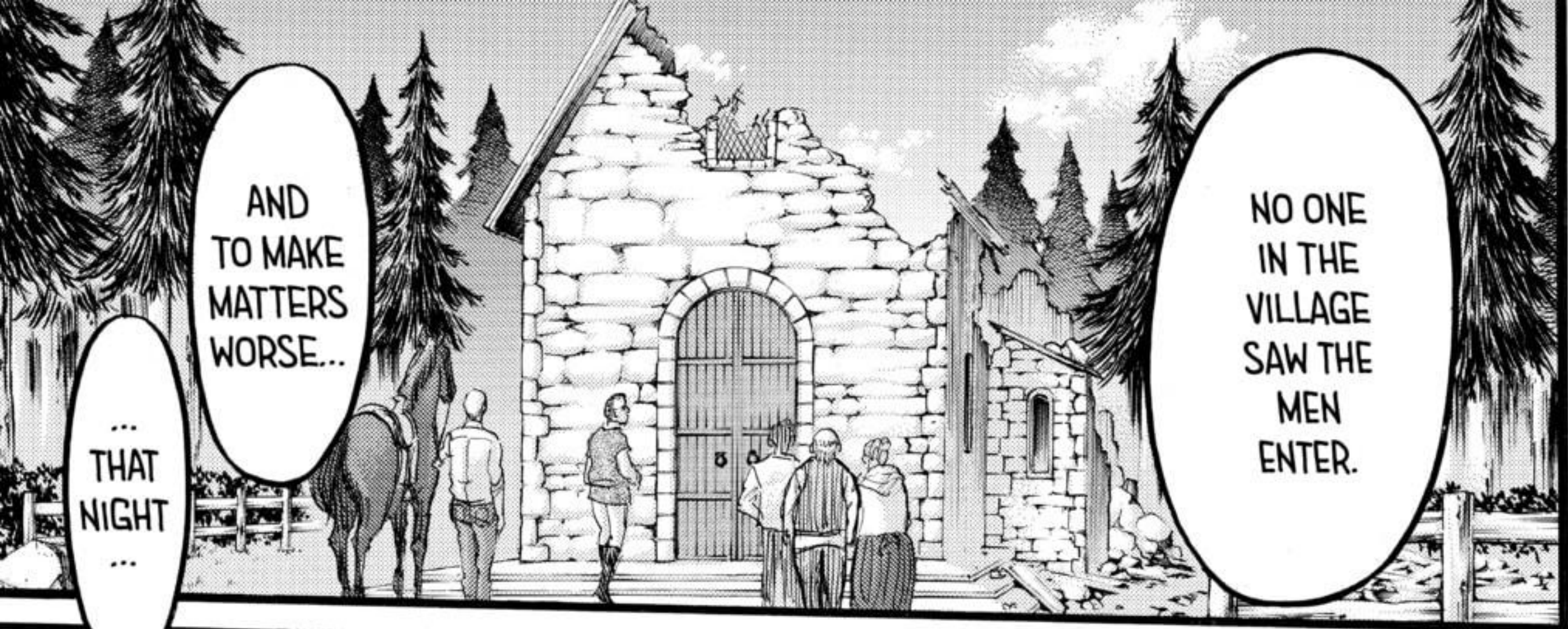
...TRAGEDY
STRUCK THE
NIGHT WALL
MARIA FELL.

BUT...



...RAIDED
THE ONE
CHAPEL IN THE
VILLAGE AND
SET IT ON FIRE.
IT WAS
DESTROYED.

MARAUDING
BANDITS WHO
HAD TAKEN
ADVANTAGE
OF THE
CHAOS...



...
THAT
NIGHT
...

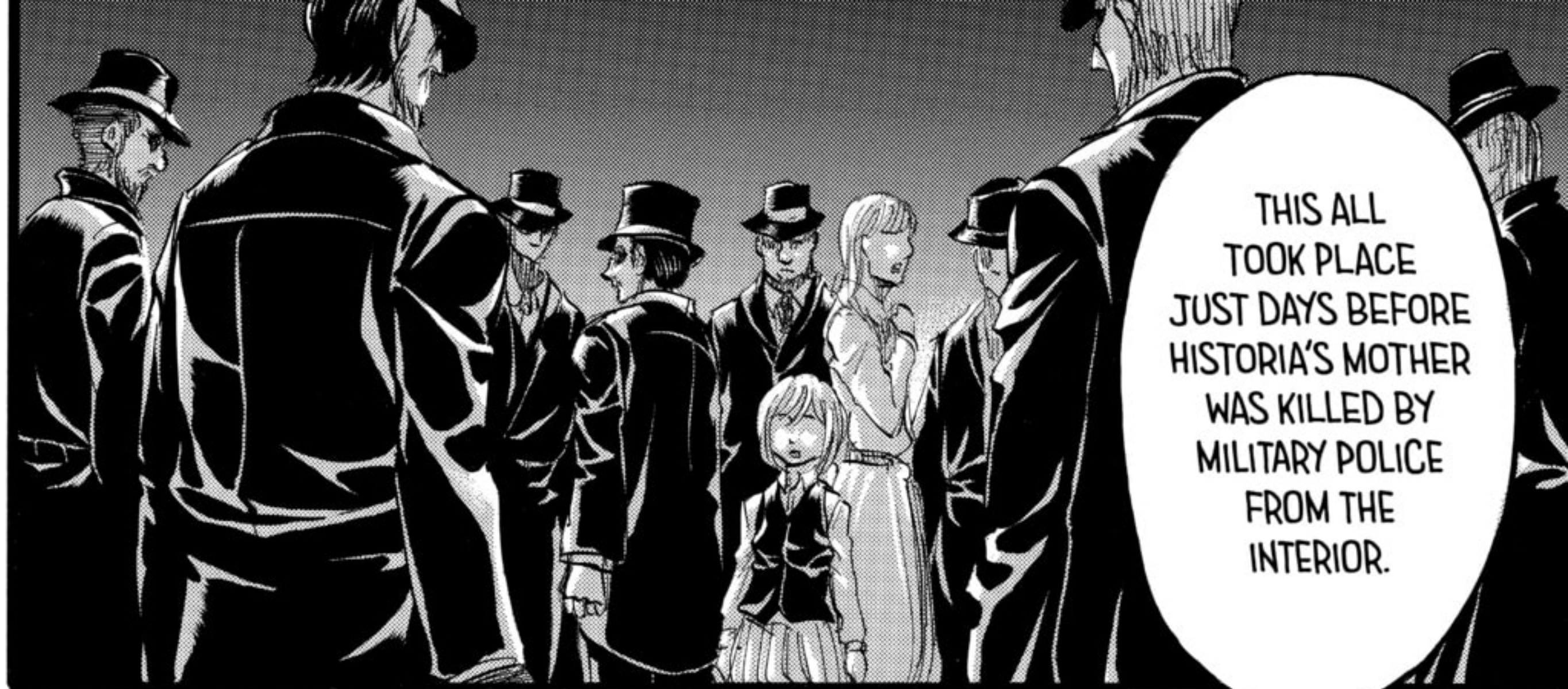
AND
TO MAKE
MATTERS
WORSE...

NO ONE
IN THE
VILLAGE
SAW THE
MEN
ENTER.

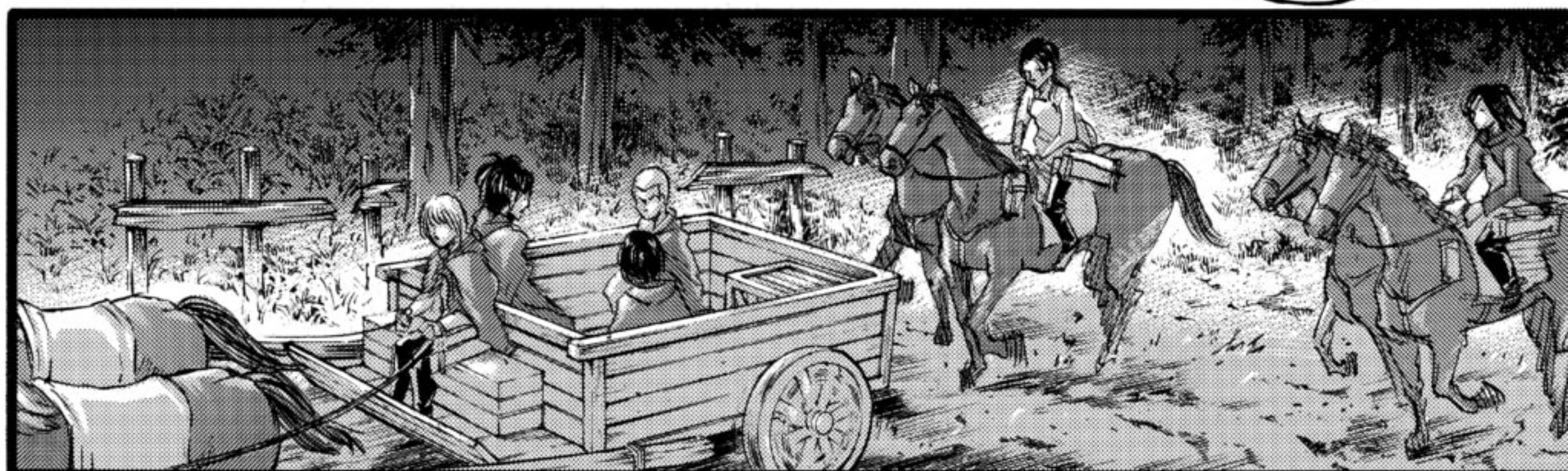


THE BANDITS
MASSACRED
EVERY MEMBER
OF THE FAMILY
EXCEPT FOR
THE LORD, ROD
REISS.

...THE
ENTIRE
REISS FAMILY
HAD GATHERED
IN THE CHAPEL
TO PRAY
TOGETHER
AFTER THE
BREACH
IN THE
WALL.



THIS ALL
TOOK PLACE
JUST DAYS BEFORE
HISTORIA'S MOTHER
WAS KILLED BY
MILITARY POLICE
FROM THE
INTERIOR.



THAT
MUST HAVE
SOMETHING TO
DO WITH WHY
THEY WANTED
HER.

RIGHT AFTER
LOSING HIS FAMILY,
ROD REISS
SUDDENLY BEGAN
PLANNING TO MAKE
CONTACT WITH
HISTORIA.



WELL...
LET'S
LEAVE
THAT
TOPIC FOR
ANOTHER
TIME.

WHERE
ARE
THEY
NOW?



IS THERE
SOMETHING
SPECIAL
ABOUT
THAT
BLOOD-
LINE?

BLOOD
TIES...



...EVEN
STONE
BUILDINGS
WEAKEN
AFTER A
FIRE,
BUT...

YES
...

IT WAS
A STURDY
BUILDING,
MADE OF
STONE, NOT
WOOD.



WHAT
CAUGHT MY
ATTENTION WAS
THE FACT THE
CHAPEL WAS
DESTROYED.



BANDITS
WOULD JUST
TAKE WHAT THEY
WANTED AND
LEAVE
QUICKLY.

WHY WOULD
COMMON
ROBBERS NEED
TO DESTROY A
BUILDING?

THAT
WOULD MEAN
THAT THESE
BANDITS JUST
HAPPENED TO
BE CARRYING
SIEGE
WEAPONS
AROUND.



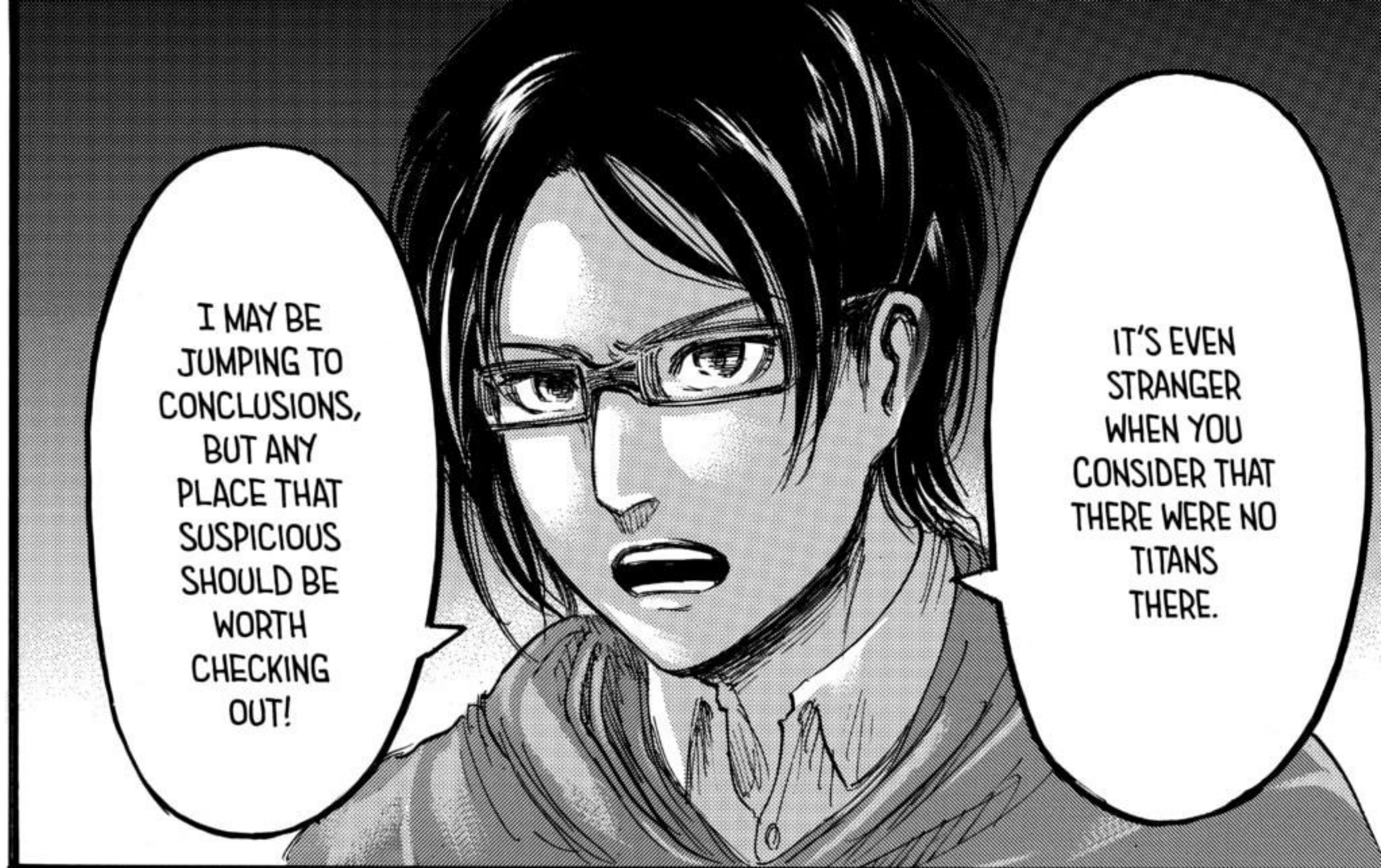
...WAS
ROD
REISS.

AND
THE ONLY
PERSON WHO
SAW WHAT
HAPPENED...



WHY
WOULD
HE DO
THAT?

THE SAME
ROD REISS
IMMEDIATELY
REBUILT THE
CHAPEL USING
HIS OWN
ASSETS...



I MAY BE
JUMPING TO
CONCLUSIONS,
BUT ANY
PLACE THAT
SUSPICIOUS
SHOULD BE
WORTH
CHECKING
OUT!

IT'S EVEN
STRANGER
WHEN YOU
CONSIDER THAT
THERE WERE NO
TITANS
THERE.



FINE.

...



**YES,
SIR
!!**

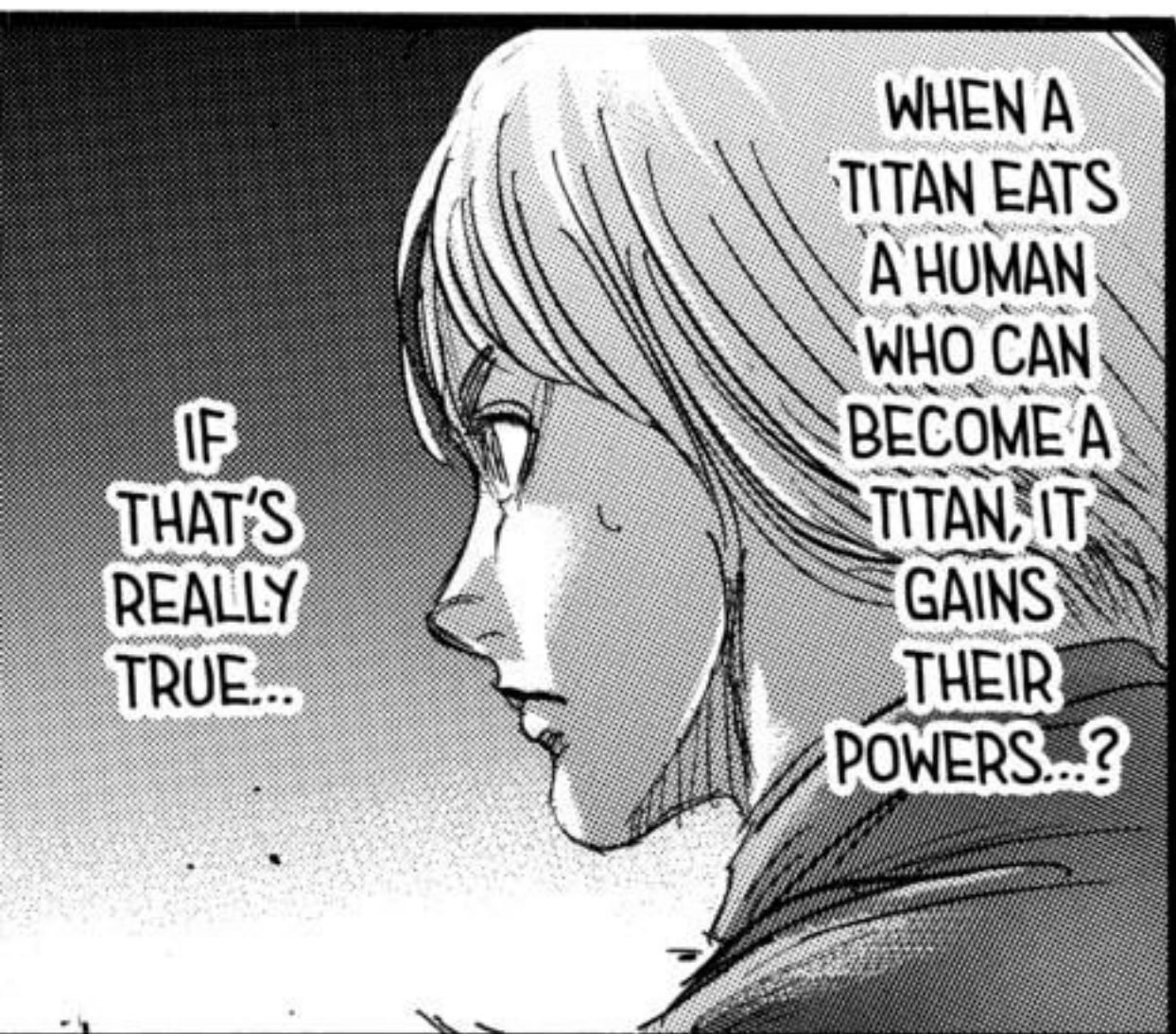


WE'RE
HEADING
TO THAT
CHAPEL.



I DOUBT
HE'LL STICK
AROUND THAT
ALONG. ...WE
NEED TO
HURRY.

SOLDIERS
WILL PROBABLY
BE SENT TO THE
REISS FAMILY
ESTATE BY
DAWN.

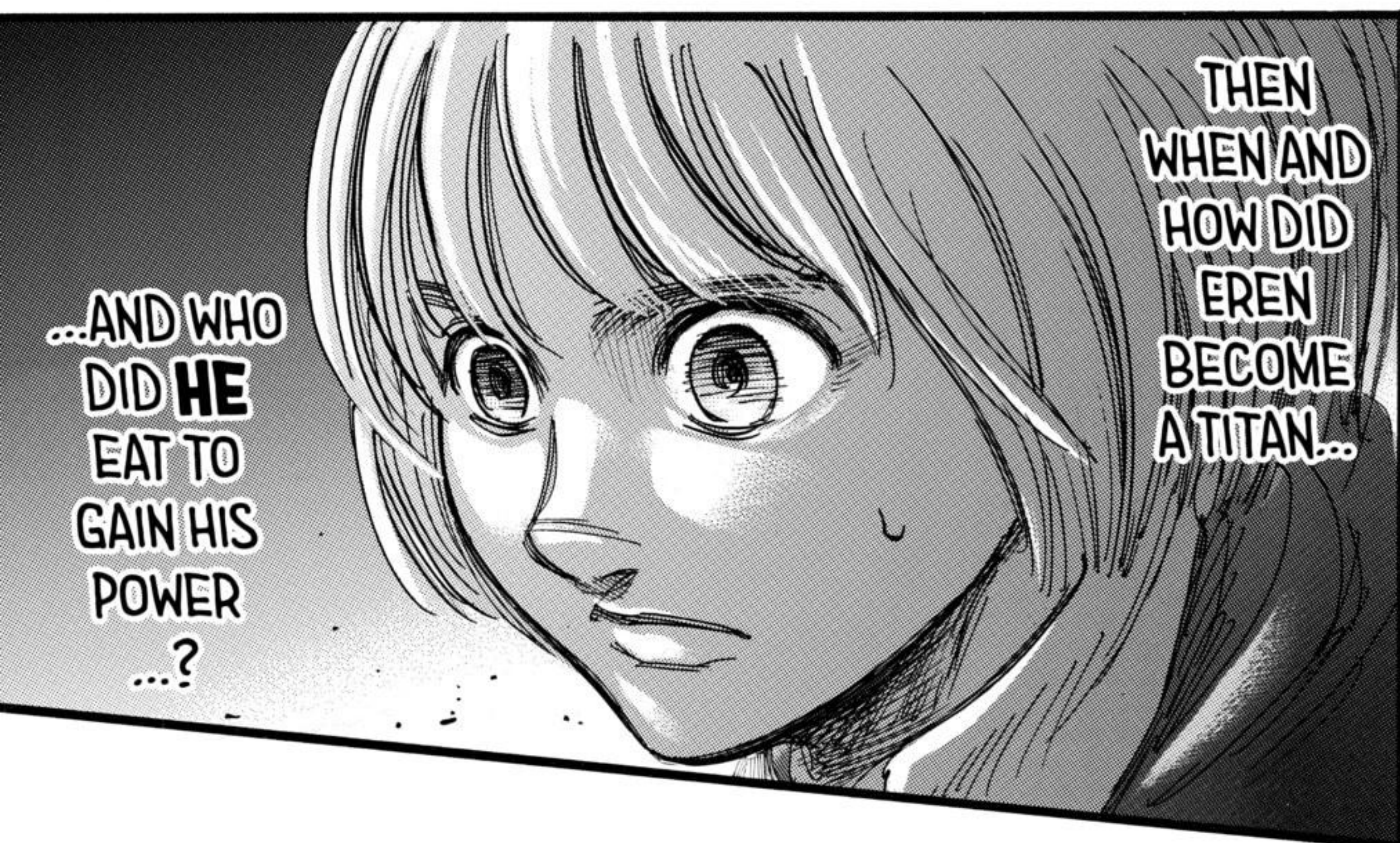


IF
THAT'S
REALLY
TRUE...

WHEN A
TITAN EATS
A HUMAN
WHO CAN
BECOME A
TITAN, IT
GAINS
THEIR
POWERS...?



EREN
COULD
BE
EATEN...



...AND WHO
DID **HE**
EAT TO
GAIN HIS
POWER
...?

THEN
WHEN AND
HOW DID
EREN
BECOME
A TITAN...

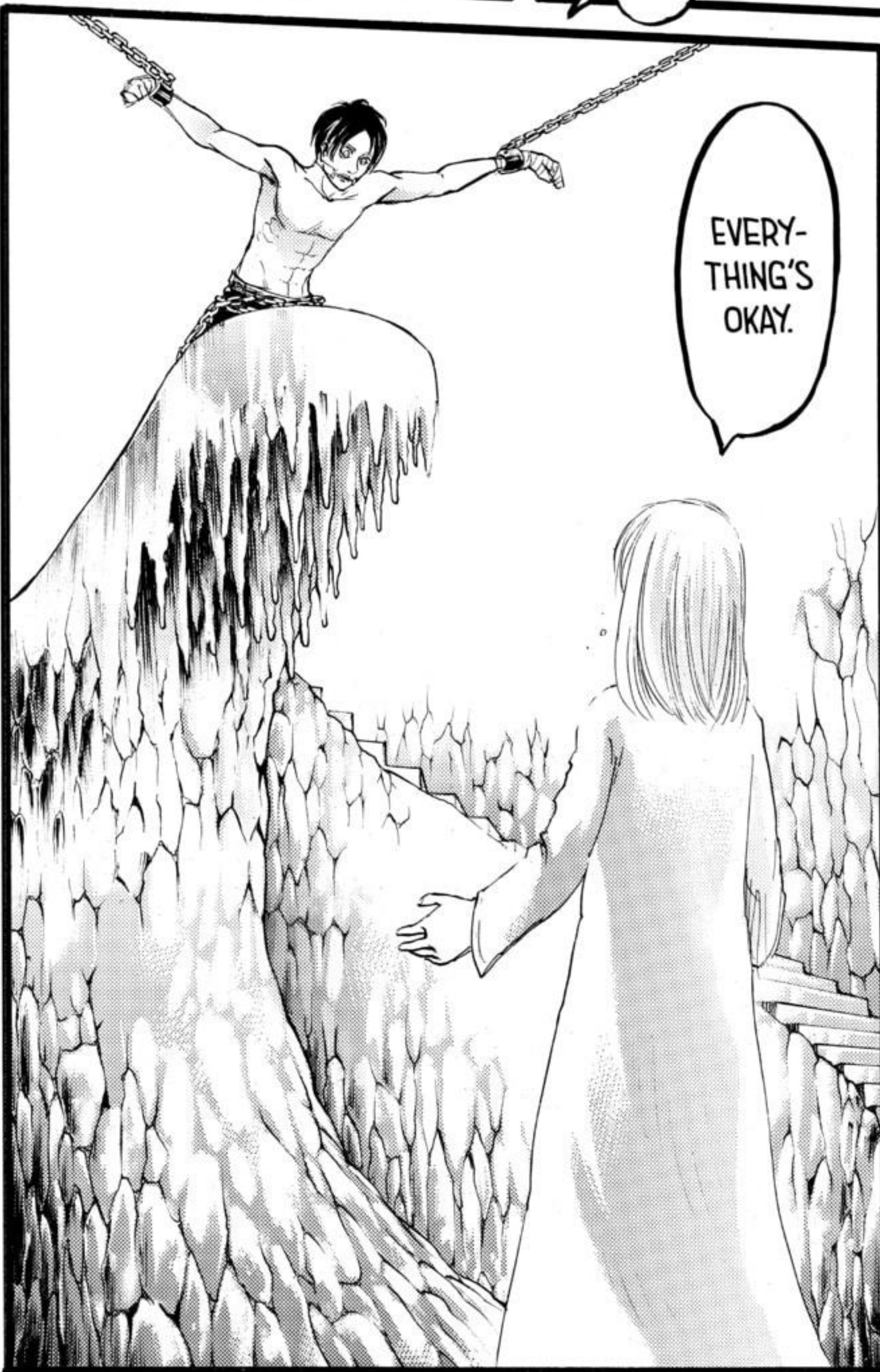




ARE YOU AWAKE ?!



EREN ?!



EVERY-
THING'S
OKAY.



JUST
HOLD
ON A
LITTLE
LONGER
!



EREN...
LISTEN.

YOU'RE
SAFE!



HISTORIA!

...MMM!!!



WE
MISUNDER-
STOOD
HIM.



...AN
ALLY TO
WHAT'S
LEFT OF
HUMANITY
INSIDE
THESE
WALLS.



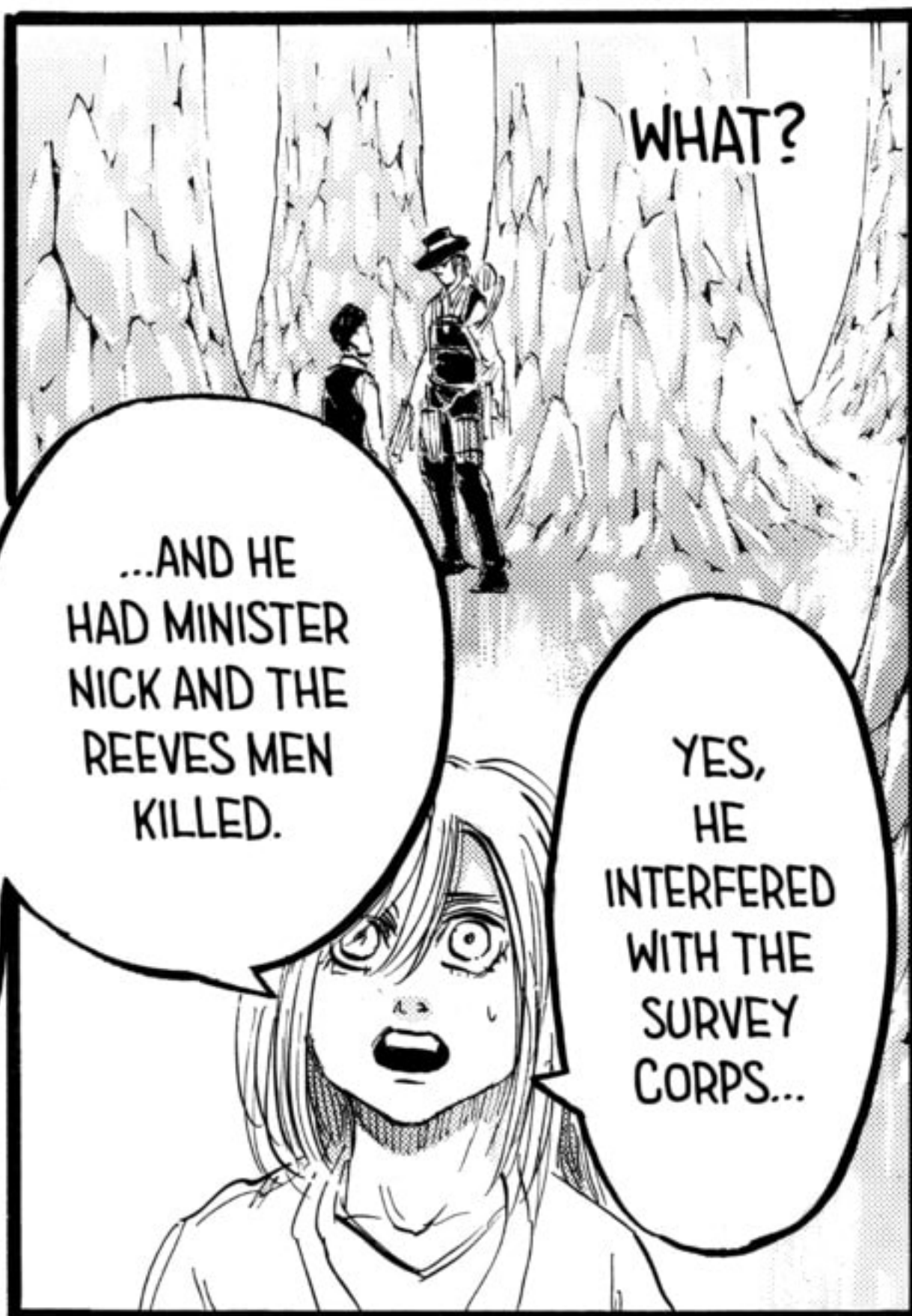
...HAS
ALWAYS
BEEN,
AND WILL
ALWAYS
BE...



MY
FATHER
...



BUT HE
DIDN'T
HAVE ANY
OTHER
CHOICE.



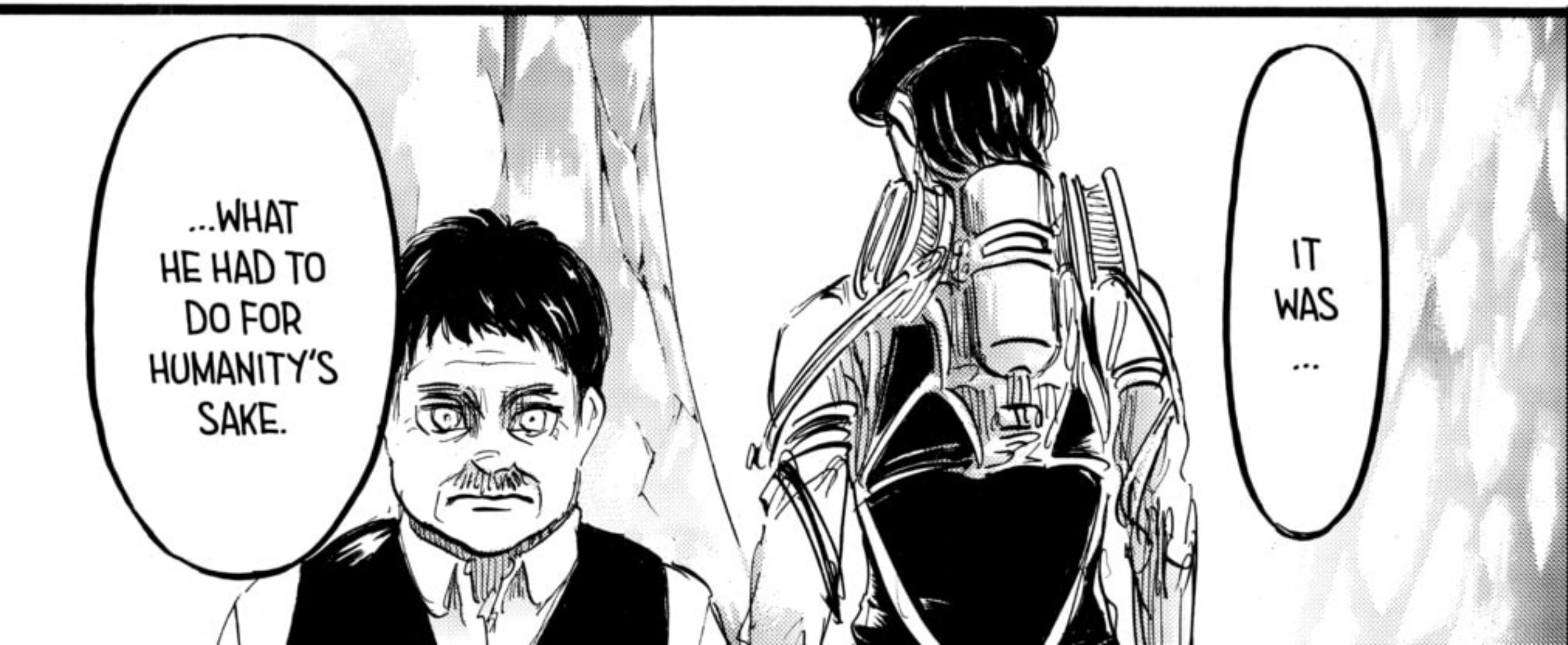
...AND HE
HAD MINISTER
NICK AND THE
REEVES MEN
KILLED.

YES,
HE
INTERFERED
WITH THE
SURVEY
CORPS...

WHAT?



...



...WHAT
HE HAD TO
DO FOR
HUMANITY'S
SAKE.

IT
WAS
...

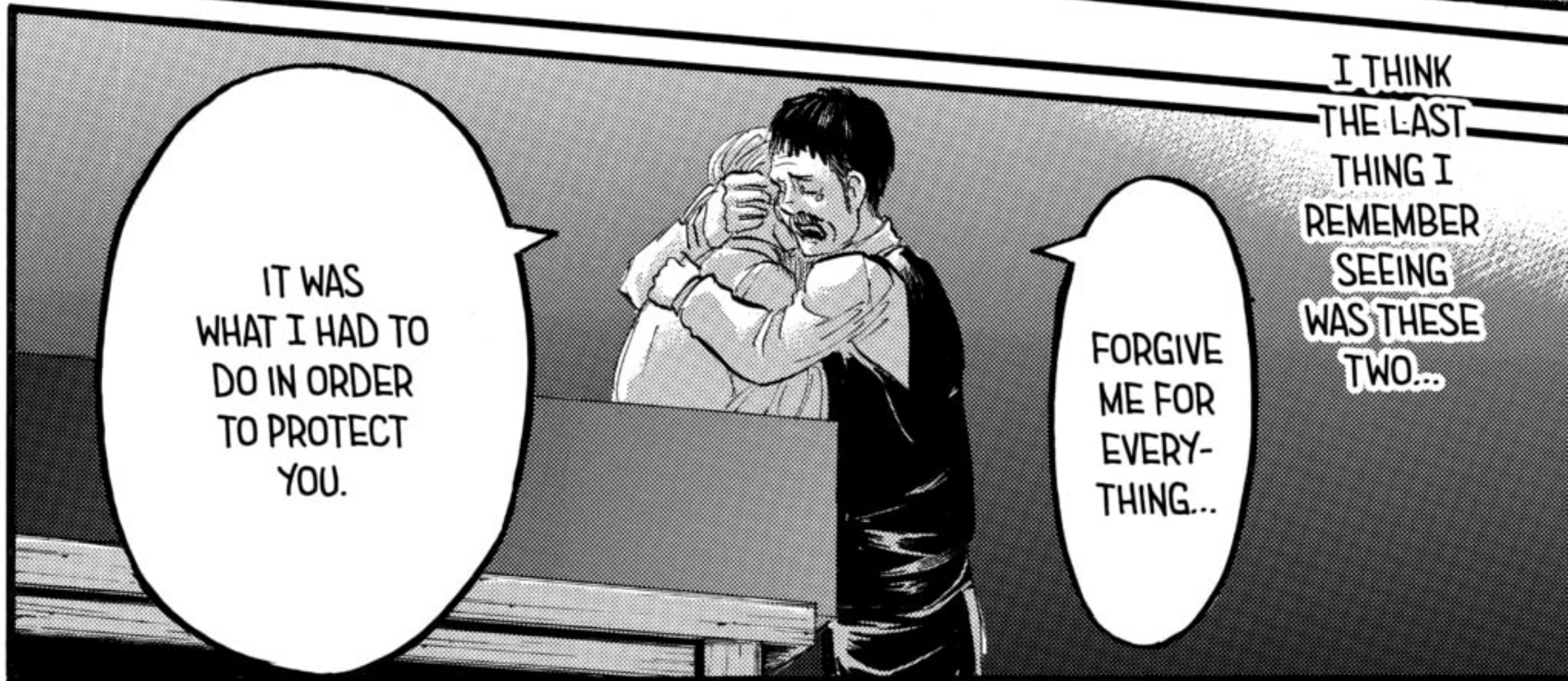


NOW
IT'S
COMING
BACK...



LET ME
EXPLAIN
THE
REST.

H-I-S-T-O-R-I-A.



IT WAS
WHAT I HAD TO
DO IN ORDER
TO PROTECT
YOU.

FORGIVE
ME FOR
EVERY-
THING...

I THINK
THE LAST
THING I
REMEMBER
SEEING
WAS THESE
TWO...



I
DREAMED
OF THE DAY
I COULD
HOLD YOU
LIKE THIS.

I NEVER
STOPPED
THINKING
OF YOU
ALL THIS
TIME.



HOW
MUCH
TIME...



THE CAPTAIN...
ARMIN... WHAT'S
HAPPENED TO THE
SURVEY CORPS BY
NOW?

...HAS
PASSED
SINCE
THEN?



...AND
JUST HOW
MANY
TIMES...

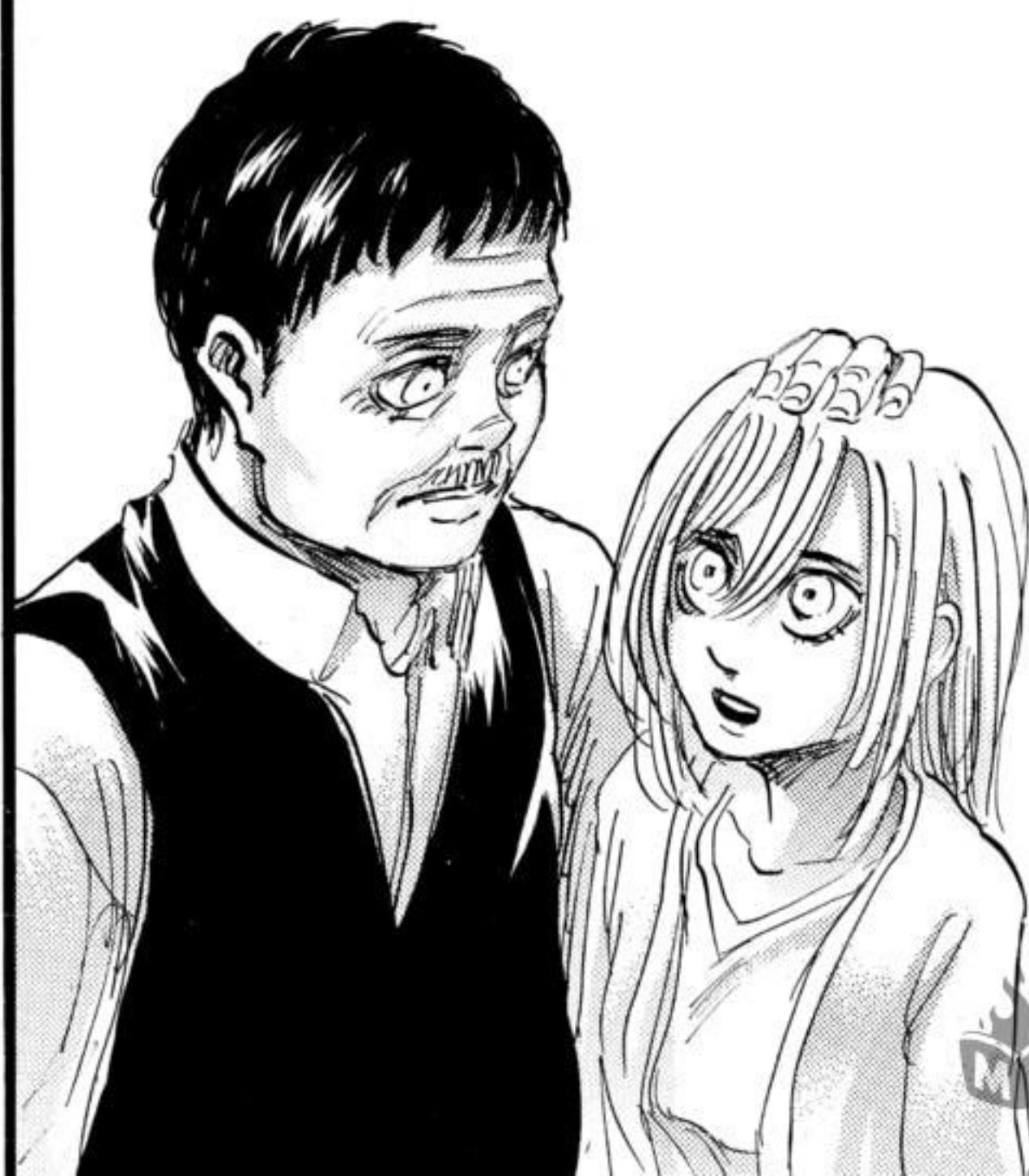


...HAVE I
BEEN
KIDNAPPED
NOW?!

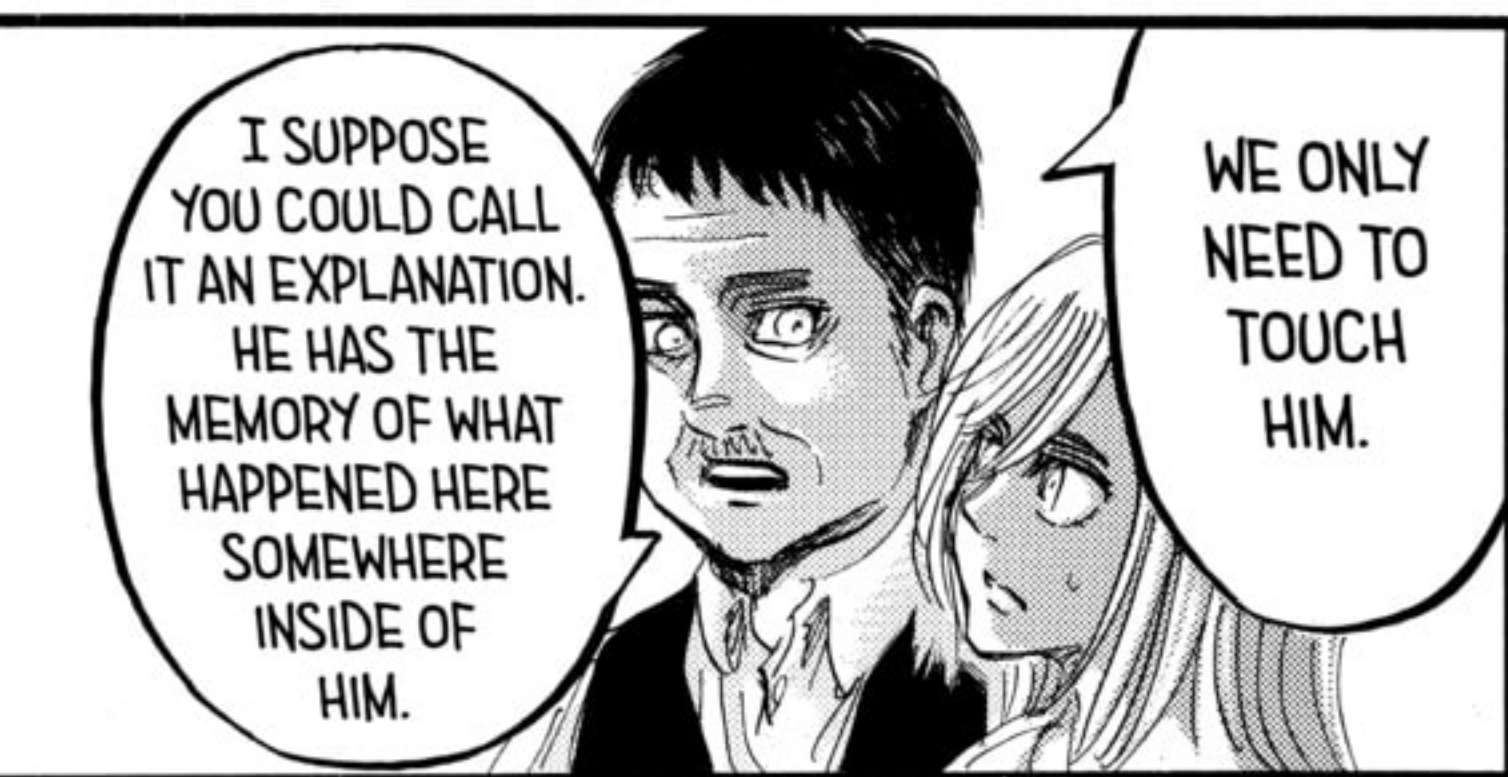
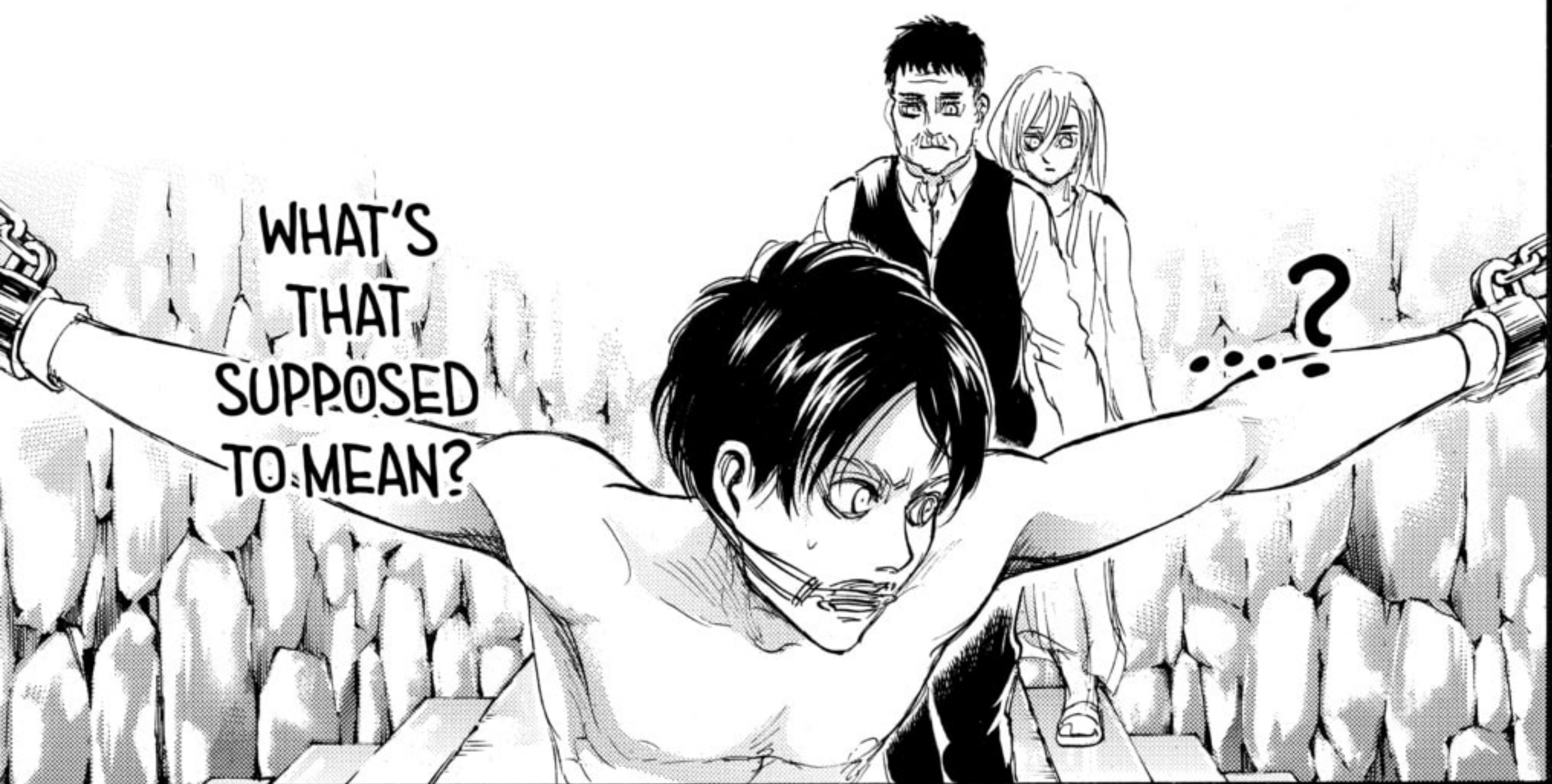


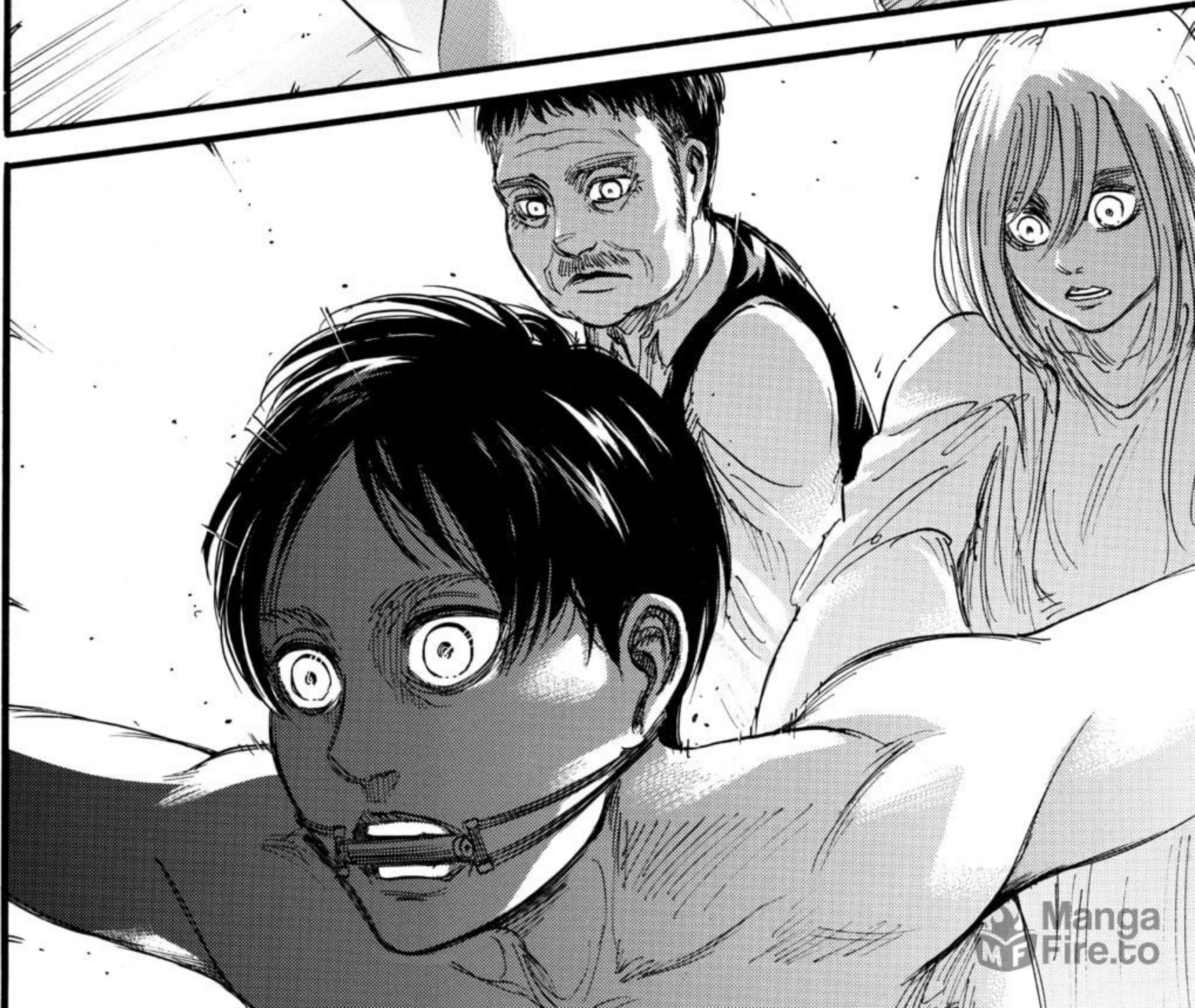
...WHAT HAS
THAT MAN
TOLD YOU?

HISTORIA...











...NO!!

**WHOSE
MEMORIES
ARE
THESE
?!**

**THIS...
WHAT
IS
THIS...**

**THESE THINGS
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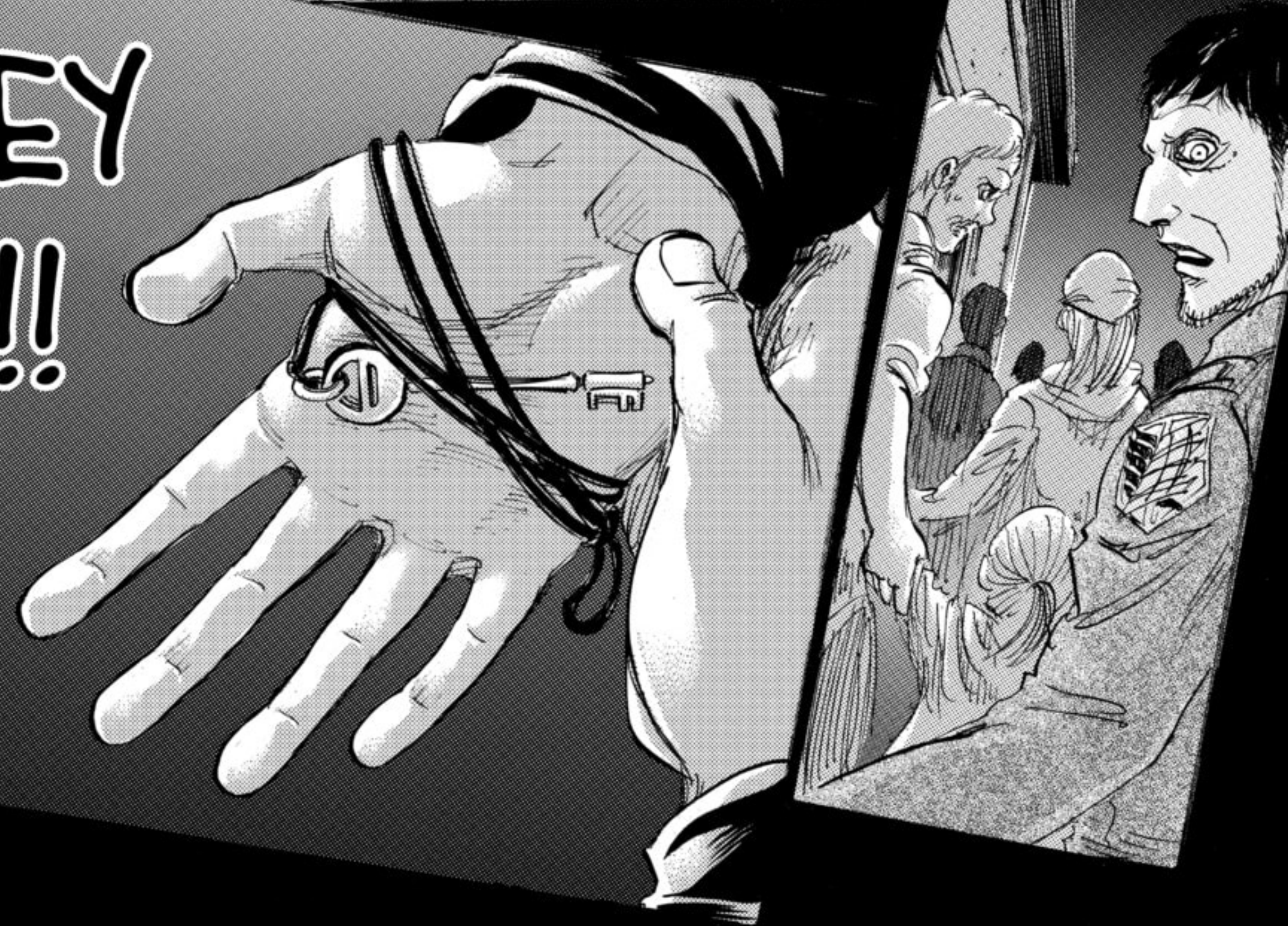
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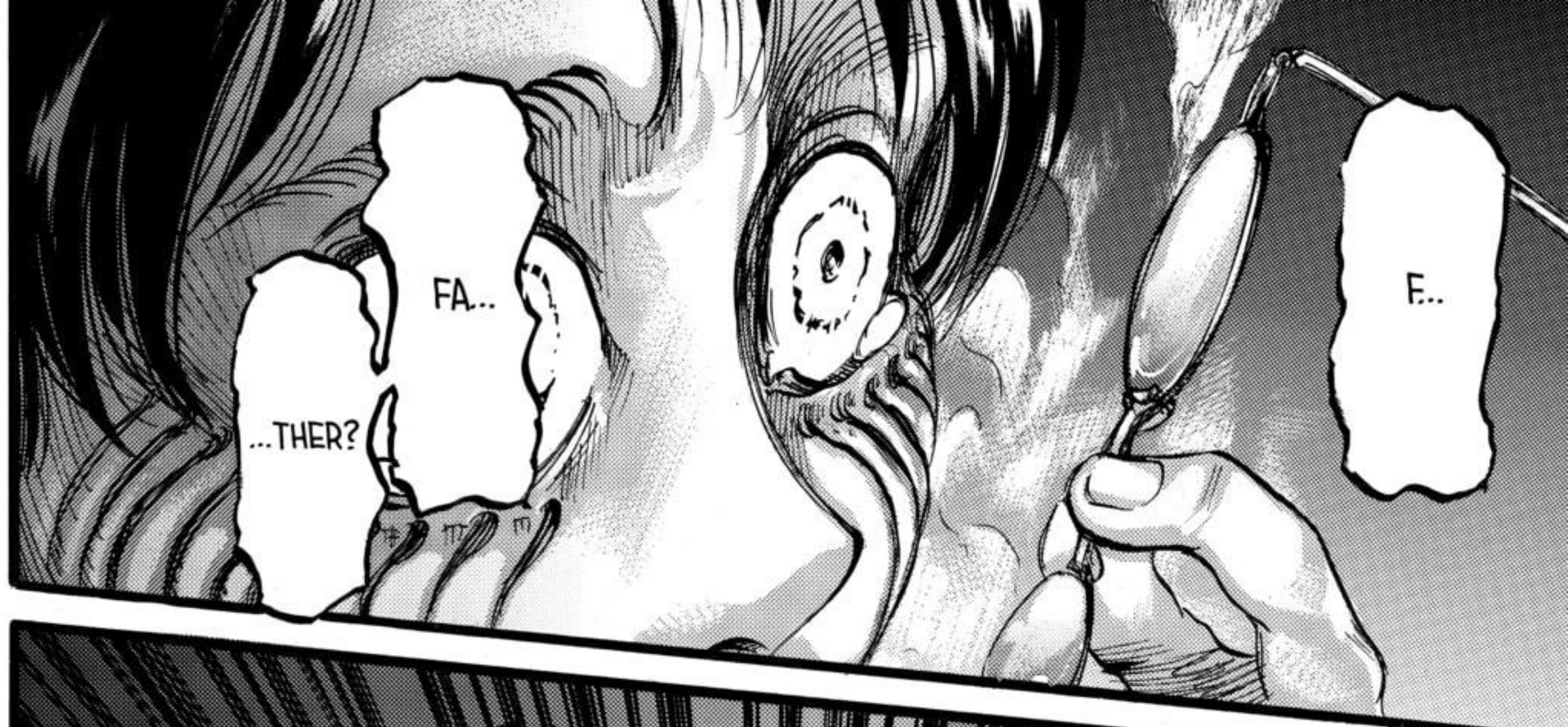


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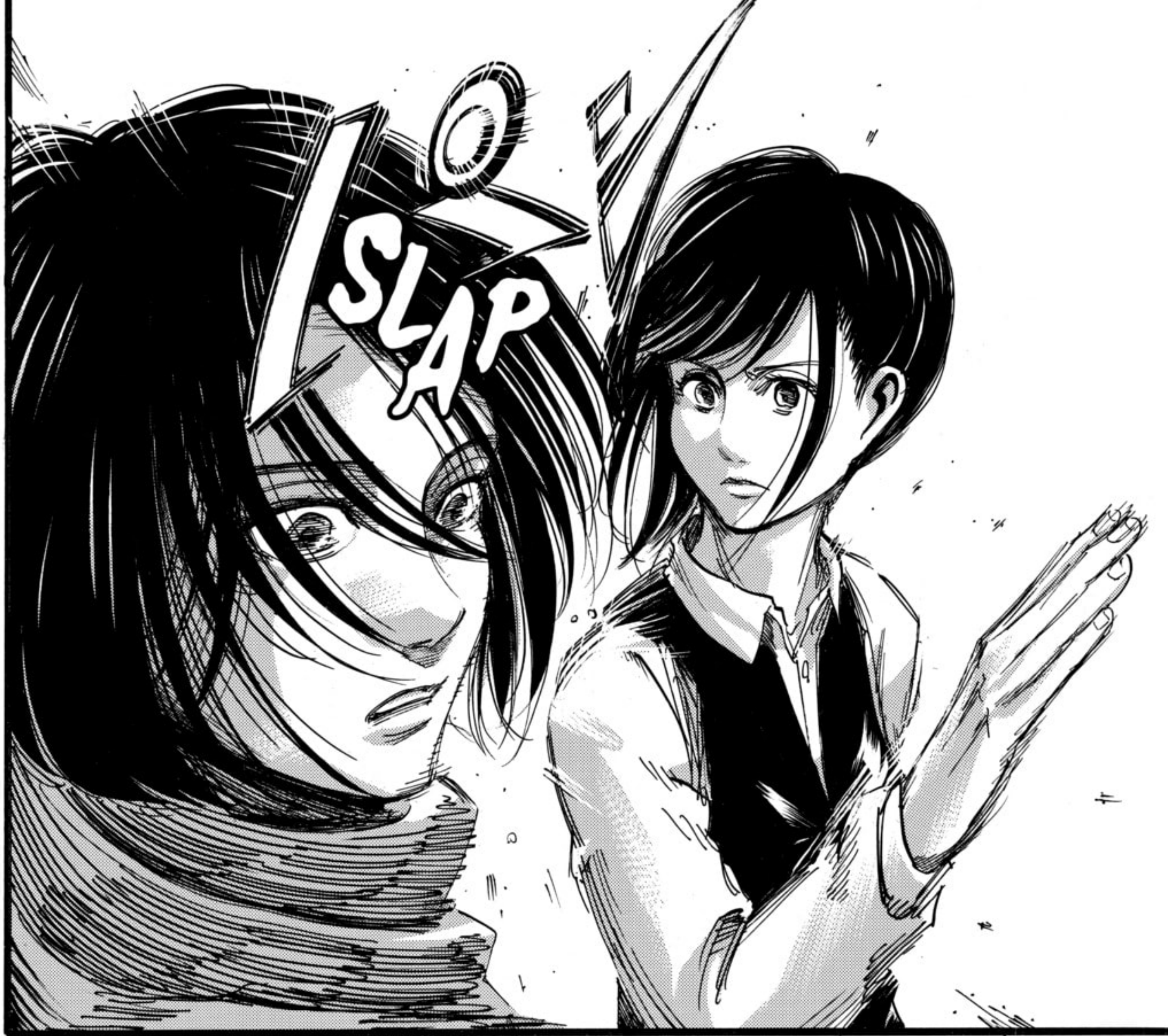


NOW
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SO?

...YOUR
FATHER'S
SIN?

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AN UNFORESEEN FIST!

SWAK

ANOTHER
FIGHT BREAKS
OUT FOR NO
REAL REASON!

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**WHAT
WAS
HIS
FATHER'S
SIN...?!**

**WHAT WILL THE
MEMORIES
REVEAL
...?**



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